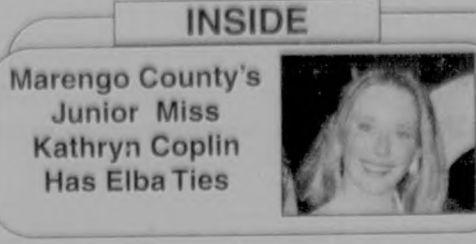
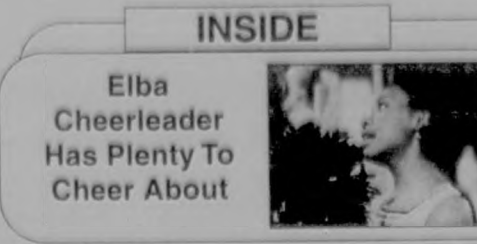
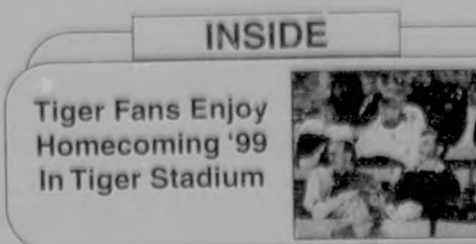


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MAJOR MILESTONE HAS BEEN REACHED - STILL MUCH WORKED TO BE DONE

Coffee County's Enhanced 911 System now operational

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Coffee County's county-wide E-911 officially went on line last Thursday morning as state and local officials gathered in front of the Elba Police Department.

"Today, Enhanced 911 is operational throughout Coffee County," announced Charles Webb, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency (CEEMA) and chairman of the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board (CCECB).

"There is no question that this emergency communications system will, over time, save lives and property and reduce suffering on the part of our citizens," he said. "Your board has put together a system that is second to none in Southeast Alabama."

Webb pointed out that the new system had been implemented without incurring any debt by using the monthly fee (75¢) currently being collected on each telephone subscriber's bill. He also noted that this is the lowest fee presently being charged in the Wiregrass area other than Houston County.

The CCECB members, serving without compensation, oversaw the work leading to the implementing of the countywide E-911 system.

This included the design of a system and then covering approximately 1,200 miles of roads and highways addressing and readdressing, and/or verifying nearly 17,000 structures, including homes, businesses, fire hydrants, bridges and anything else that might aid emergency responders with rapid response to whatever emergency may face county citizens.

All of the addressing activities were coordinated with the 16 post offices, some (16) of which are located in neighboring counties, that deliver mail in Coffee County.

The new system also included the coordination of the routing of telephones located in homes and businesses in the county which originated in 11 different central offices with 7 of them being in neighboring counties.

The new countywide E-911 system will have two answering points - one at the Elba Police Department and the other at the Enterprise Police Department. Webb pointed out that one central answering point was considered; however, it was determined that it would have been too expensive to go that route.

Enterprise, which has had its own city-wide E-911 for some time, and has just recently updated its equipment, will be handling calls origi-

nating from telephones with a prefix of 347, 393, 308, and 894. The Elba PD, equipped with latest state-of-the-art equipment, will answer E-911 calls from all other telephone prefixes in the county.

Webb was quick to point out that although a "major milestone has been reached, there is still much work to be done in bringing the system up to its full potential."

There are some residents with Goshen, Troy, Arifton and Ozark telephone numbers that reside in Coffee County that are not in the system due to routing problems; however, GTE and Bell South are working together to quickly resolve this problem.

Another problem currently being worked on by the CCECB is that some county residents have not acknowledged their new E-911 addresses and as a result are not in the 911 data base. Webb encouraged everyone in this category to acknowledge and start using their new address. Not doing so could result in delays in emergency responses.

In some cases, GTE has not loaded the E-911 addresses into the computer system but are doing so as rapidly as possible. "I am in almost daily contact with GTE representatives, urging them on," said Webb.



Pictured above are the members of the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board. They are (l-r): Gloria Webb, Robert Hooks, Lloyd Driggers, Charles Webb, R. P. Flowers, James Brown, and Gladys Martin.

The complexity of the network of telephone systems and linking computers is creating some technical difficulties in the early stages but they are being corrected quickly, Webb assured those who gathered for the ceremony.

"We still have to improve the communication links between our two public safety answering points (Elba and Enterprise) and the responding agencies, to include those in Kinston and New Brockton as well as the sheriff's department and the rural fire departments," said Webb. "We are aggressively working on those issues and have already purchased some additional equipment for that purpose."

On behalf of the CCECB, Webb thanked all of the government entities, volunteer agencies, commercial operations and the many others that have helped so much in making E-911 a reality.

Webb offered a word of caution to those who may abuse the new system. "I remind those who would make prank calls on E-911 that our equipment will tell the police exactly where the call is coming from - including pay telephones," he said. "It is a violation of the law to abuse the 911 system."

He also encouraged others not to "test" the system by calling 911 just to see if it works - it does.

"This has been a tremendous

undertaking and I commend the members of this board for the work they have done," said State Representative Terry Spicer. "This is something the entire county has come together on and worked to complete. The people of Coffee County are going to witness some responses to emergencies now that we've never been able to do."

Webb recognized the members of the CCECB. They are: Robert Hooks representing Enterprise; Lloyd Driggers representing Elba; Gladys Martin representing Kinston; James Brown representing New Brockton; Gloria Webb and R. P. Flowers representing the county-at-large.

17-year-old youth convicted on charges of making bomb threats to local schools

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A bomb threat to two local schools results in conviction of a New Brockton youth.

The 17-year-old male, Tim Holloman, was found guilty last Wednesday, October 27, on two charges of rendering a false alarm which is a Class A felony. The

charges resulted from two phoned-in bomb threats to the Zion Chapel and New Brockton high schools in May of this year. The youth's arrest came within twenty minutes of the incident.

Holloman was certified to stand trial as an adult for the crime and was found guilty. He was sentenced to one year in jail and ordered to serve two months in jail. The remaining ten months were suspended with supervised probation. In addition to the one year sentence, Holloman will have two additional years of supervised probation.

The calls came in shortly before noon on Monday, May 3, at which time both schools evacuated more than 900 students without incident. All the buildings at both facilities were searched by law enforcement personnel with the assistance of "bomb sniffing canines" from Ft. Rucker. No bombs or traces of explosives were found at either school. Students were dismissed shortly after 2 p.m. and allowed to go home.

At the time of the incident, the county school system had implemented a rather extensive emergency management plan and it was in the hands of the administrative staffs at both schools for review. Officials said, "the plan was used and everything went off without a hitch."

According to Superintendent of Coffee County Schools Rodger Bowden, since the May incident, the emergency management plan has been "fine tuned," plus a more effective system of communication between administrative staffs at all county schools has been implemented to better handle these and other types of emergency situations.

Bowden, at the time of the incident, said invaluable experience was gained by all involved in the unfortunate situation.

The superintendent commended everyone for their actions during the incidents - students, teachers, parents, law enforcement and all other agencies conducted themselves in a very admirable manner. Sheriff Moates echoed Bowden's comments on how well everyone in the two communities worked together in resolving the situation.

NEWS BRIEF

Congressman Terry Everett announced last Friday the approval of federal housing rehabilitation grants totaling \$4,562,784.00. The federal funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development were authorized under the FY 99 Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program. Local Housing Authorities receiving a portion of the funds are as follows: Elba - \$254,200.00; New Brockton - \$75,933.00; and Enterprise - \$276,293.00.



ELBA MAKES TWO...Benton's brought its slogan "Best Burgers South of the Mason Dixon or East of the Mississippi" from Opp to Elba last month when David and Betty Dorsey opened a second location for the distinguished restaurant. The opening was made official on Thursday, Oct. 21, when the Elba Chamber of Commerce welcomed the restaurant, its owners and staff to town. Those present for the ribbon cutting of Elba's newest business were: (Front row) Dawn Austin; Betty and David Dorsey, owners; Elba Mayor James Grimes; Future Little Miss Elba Nikki Fuller; Daniel Shephard, manager; Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Jimmy Harrison and Herby McCall; (Back row) Tonya Jones; Barbara Hudson; Mike Parker; Doris Matthews and Jerry Kelley.

New Brockton's council meeting routine

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The meeting agenda for New Brockton's Town Council meeting Monday evening appeared to be lengthy but it did not take council members long to move through it.

Mayor Britt Lee commented on the Veterans Commemorative to be held at the New Brockton Post Office on November 10 and that town officials have been invited to participate by the postmistress Sandra Bullock. The event is being held in conjunction with Command Sgt. Major Bedford of Ft. Rucker's walk to the Nation's capitol in recognition of World War II Veterans. His trek is scheduled to end about this time.

Turning to "routine housekeeping chores," Mayor Lee noted that Veterans' Day will be observed on Thursday, November 11, and Thanksgiving holidays will be taken on Thursday and Friday, November 25 & 26. The town's offices will be closed on these dates.

The mayor also announced that the annual Christmas party for municipal employees and volunteers will be held on December 10 at the Senior Citizens' Center.

There was a brief discussion when the topic of renewing the town's "contract" with the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce came up. The annual fee is \$195.00.

As a whole, council members felt that this was good for the town since there was no chamber of commerce in New Brockton; however, there was some question as to whether or not full advantage was being taken of the membership.

Council member Linda Gilbert commented, "If we're going to have a contract with them, one of us should attend chamber meetings and get involved with the chamber

to make sure that we are represented. We need to let them know that we are interested in them helping us because we are interested in helping our selves."

The vote to renew the contract was unanimous.

Under the heading of "old business," the council voted to once again table (take no action) the roof repair on town hall.

Mayor Lee gave members of the council an update on health insurance for the town's employees. He noted that two months ago, the council voted to provide the health insurance, but since that time, the company that was going to provide

the insurance has notified the town that they would not cover police officers.

Mrs. Annette Williams, town clerk, told council members that the town's insurance agent, Rex Powell, was in the process of "putting together another package" which would include coverage for police officers. She said the premiums would be comparable to the ones on the previous insurance provider.

New Brockton Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that officers responded to 15 complaints.

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Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. Area teams participating in the Alabama State High School Football Playoffs Friday night are as follows: Elba High School plays host to Trinity; New Brockton is at home against Cottonwood; and Brantley takes on Akron. All games kick off at 7:00 p.m. Notice: All tickets for the playoff game between Elba & Trinity Presbyterian are \$5.00.

COUNTY BOE MEETING. The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday (TODAY), November 4, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. in the board room of the Central Office located in Elba.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, November 8, 1999, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

ELBA'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL. The Elba Chamber of Commerce will present its 12th Annual Christmas Festival, "Catch the Holiday Spirit," on Saturday, Nov. 27, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba followed by the annual Christmas Parade. The day's events will close with the magical "Christmas Lights" ceremony on the square immediately after the parade. For more information, contact Kaye Whitworth at the Elba Chamber of Commerce (897-3125).

COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT at Elba High School for juniors and seniors and their parents will be held November 8, 6:30 p.m. at Elba High School Auditorium.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The amendment election is over, the votes are counted and have been certified as correct. However, reading some of the vicious "letters to the editor" in the daily papers one would think a life-or-death battle is still ongoing. This is apparently just another sign of the anger that continues to build up in so many good people all across this nation. With car drivers it is called road rage. With the nation's youth it is called confusion or fear. In the rural south it is passed off as being rednecks. With inner city youths it has another name - but whatever the label it all leads to the same end results . . . People hurting people, either physically or verbally. So many people are just plain scared of what tomorrow will bring and it comes out as anger at and everything. In spite of the governor of Minnesota (you know him-the wrestler) saying religion is for the weak and faint of heart (or something like that), there is a crying need for people to slow down their lives and get back to the religion of their forefathers . . . the religion which gave them the strength and courage to forge the greatest country on earth. Rather than being a sign of weakness, it shows strength and confidence.

While violence is still the subject, here is how scary it can be. In Tallahassee, FL, there had a couple of small bombs explode at Florida A & M, the predominantly black college. Someone was later arrested and charged with the crimes. A darling niece told us that while she was a student at Florida State and living in an upstairs apartment with several other girls, this guy had the apartment right below them "and we always thought he was a bit creepy." Thank goodness he was there for only several months and not during his bomb-making times. This niece is one of the apples of our eye and he would have sure made a man have road rage or something if he had caused her any harm!

The E-911 equipment recently installed at the Elba Police Department really works. There have already been some true tests of the system and all were successful. There have also been a couple of small children dialing the 911 number and . . . that is a good way to get your home wrapped up with police cars because the system records where the call is coming from automatically. If you don't believe it, just ask a certain Elba mother who was in the bathroom when two cop cars arrived, only minutes after her young daughter practiced her new training on using the emergency dialing system. Apparently it was a bit embarrassing.

The City of Elba is moving forward with plans to reactivate the Elba Rescue Squad. The ambulances will respond to emergency calls with trained, paid workers. This method was not our first choice for serving the needs of our friends and neighbors, but it may be the best. The majority of our city officials think this is the way to go. Now that the decision has been made, we just hope it works and will do anything within reason to see that it is successful.

It is almost Christmas time and the Elba Chamber of Commerce is planning to be sure Elba folks are in on the celebrations. We hear that decorations are being added and/or upgraded, special events are being planned and all the time they are keeping one eye open for ole Santa!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 25, 1999, investigated the following incidents: three VPLs, two harassments, two burglaries, one accident, one forgery, one disorderly conduct, one resisting arrest, one assault, one dog bite, one subject hit by a car, and one theft.

The following arrests were made: three for VPL, four for failure to appear, one for theft, one for criminal mischief, one for disorderly conduct, and one for resisting arrest.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eight for speeding, one for running a stop sign, one for an expired tag, one for driving without a driver's license, three for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for reckless driving, and one for no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 - River stage - 2.74 feet (6:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rd. 108 & 106 (6:51 p.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hall's Trailer Park on Al Hwy. 87N (2:56 a.m.); River stage - none recorded; Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 189S near Brookdale Subdivision (12:32 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a woods fire on 1st Avenue (4:03 p.m.); Police balance reported in Morrow Village (11:34 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 - Possible prowler reported on Ann Street (4:44 a.m.); River stage - 2.67 feet (6:49 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a woods fire at the intersection of Sawyer Street and 1st Avenue (9:10 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Thomas Avenue (6:46 p.m.); Burglary reported at a residence on Hickman Avenue (8:42 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 - River stage - 2.65 feet (6:45 a.m.); Alarm at Big Little Store - West (9:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 167N (2:04 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Highway 14 (4:10 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs cow on U.S. Hwy. 84W (7:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 409 (7:39 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Cordelia Street (8:36 p.m.).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 - Alarm at a residence on Smith Avenue (6:10 a.m.); River stage - 2.63 feet (6:30 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S.

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• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tues. day at noon. City Hall Conference Room.
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
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• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays 6:30 p.m. - EHS Gym.
• REGIONAL GOLF & TOURS SUP. PORT GROUP - 4th Tues. at 7 p.m. - Community Care Hospice meeting room.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of October 26, 1999, through November 1, 1999. They were: Juanita Casey, Virginia Price, Fannie Merle Berry, William Legear, Donnie Stackhouse, Lonora Green, Tony Burks, Hollis Wicker, Summer Barker, Missy Miller, James Catrett, Kimberly Bland, Linda Taylor, Blanche McMillian, W. B. Baldwin, V. K. Cotter, Nette Sue Slenker, James Porter, Betty Goodwin, Freddy Owens, Daniel Campbell, Ollie Hussey, Minnie Galtmore, Joel McKenzie, Mary Bryan, and Glenn Roberts, Sr.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Gaston Spivey, Shirley Hudson, Betty Driggers, Jon Canley, William Legear, Tony Burks, Edmond Hutchinson, Hollis Berry, Donnie Stackhouse, Rena Parrish, Summer Barker, Juanita Casey, Leno Price, Blanche McMillian, James Catrett, Linda Taylor, W. K. Cotter, James Porter, Nette Slenker, Glenn Roberts, Sr., Kimberly Bland, and Betty Goodwin.

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Elba Work Release inmates post more than 2,000 service hours

During the month of September, inmates at the Elba Work Release facility of the Department of Corrections posted over 2,000 hours of service for area agencies.

A total of 309 inmates worked for 2,432 hours on various projects for 14 agencies, according to information released by Dewayne Estes, warden of the Elba Work Release facility.

Agencies requesting assistance from the work release were: Elba National Guard, City of Elba, Elba Recycling, Elba Police Department, Elba High School, Elba Recreation Department, Alabama Forestry, Daleville National Guard, City of Daleville, Enterprise National Guard, Town of Kinston, Alabama Fish and Game, Adopt-A-Mile and the City of Geneva.

Of the 309 inmates helping the agencies, 161 of them worked on general labor projects for the City of Elba, Elba Recycling, City of Daleville, Town of Kinston, Alabama Fish and Game, and the City of Geneva.

The remaining 60 inmates of the 309 worked in Elba. 20 of these inmates helped the Elba Police Dept. by cleaning offices and washing cars. Six inmates worked on cleaning projects for the Elba Recreation Dept. and the other 34 inmates worked at Elba High School as they pulled chains at ball games and cleaned after the games.

According to Estes, the 2,432 hours of service provided by the 309 work release inmates equaled a total dollar value of \$12,524.80 for the month of September.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, Oct. 23, I was in an automobile accident at the intersection of Highway 167 and The Boy Scout Road. I am writing this letter to say thank you to all of the people who helped with this wreck.

Thanks to all the rescue squad members, firefighters, law enforcement and everyone else who helped all of us that were in the wreck. I would especially like to thank one very special person to whom I do not know his name. This man was with me from the time I was taken out of the car until I was put on the ambulance making sure I was okay. I am so grateful that I had this person to help me during this horrible experience.

So, if you would please run this letter in your paper it would be gratefully appreciated and again I would like to say thank you so much to everyone who helped out. Sincerely,
Donna Hussey

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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of "Caution - Children Playing" signs being installed on Vester Cole and Tyler Streets.

"We've got children playing in the streets, riding bicycles, skating, etc. all the time," he said.

Chief Driggers stated that he would check into getting both maters resolved.

There was also a complaint voiced from the audience about "speeders" on McKinnon Street (U.S. Hwy. 84). Councilman Ron McMonagle commented that several months ago, police officers were being criticized for writing too many tickets on Main Street.

"We do try to watch that area during high traffic times," said McMonagle. "It's a bad situation downtown with the angle parking. . . we are aware of the problem."

Other actions taken by the council consisted of the following:
Approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$25,283.49.

Consented to the city clerk's attending a training seminar on Nov. 17 through 19.

ma Fish and Game, and the City of Geneva. The inmates helping the Town of Kinston also assisted with garbage pickup.

The National Guards of Elba, Daleville and Enterprise used 41 inmates to help with maintenance and cleaning projects. Alabama Forestry was assisted by 39 inmates to clean state property, while eight inmates helped the Adopt-A-Mile program by cleaning roadways.

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Agnes Creel O'Brien and children would like to express Deepest Appreciation for the respect and honor shown to William Michael Creel.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card. Or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words. As any friend could say: Perhaps you were not there at all. Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts. We thank you so much whatever the part.

By Agnes O'Brien, brothers and sisters 11/4pd.

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AREA DEATHS

RICHARD "JUNIOR" FLOWERS

Mr. Richard "Junior" Flowers, age 72, of Rt. 4 Box 1296, Elba, died Oct. 26, 1999 at Bay Center.

Funeral services were held Oct. 28, 1999 in the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba with Rev. John F. Kramer officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sons: Billy Wayne Flowers, Wewahitchka, Fla.; Richard E. Flowers, Tallahassee, Fla.; one brother: Billy Flowers, Niceville, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

CAROL ANN MCGAHA

Mrs. Carol Ann McGaha, age 51, of 2793 County Road 404, Elba, died Oct. 25, 1999 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

Memorial services were held Oct. 28, 1999 in the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba with Dr. Tony Dyess officiating.

Survivors include her husband: William Clyde McGaha, Elba, her mother: Dorothy Hermsmeier, Elba; one son: Ronnie Chance Jr., Augusta, Ga.; two daughters: Patricia Lansford, Phoenix, Ariz.; and one granddaughter: Brandi Talley, Enterprise.

WILLIAM MICHAEL CREEL

Pooler-SSGT William Michael Creel, age 45, died Oct. 16, 1999.

The Alabama native had retired from the U.S. Army as a Staff Sergeant.

A private memorial service was held Oct. 25, 1999 at New Ebenezer Baptist Church in Curtis with full military honors. Thomas C. Strickland & Sons Funeral Home, West Chatham Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include a daughter: Rebecca Michelle Creel, League City, Texas; his mother: Agnes Creel O'Brien, Ft. Myers, Fla.; his father: William E. Creel, Elba; two sisters: Linda Herring, Elba, and Brenda Bennett, Syracuse, N.Y.; a brother: Eddie Franklin Creel, Beaufort, S.C.; and a half-brother: Scott Joseph O'Brien, Syracuse, N.Y.

JOSEPH THOMAS DYESS SR.

Mr. Joseph Thomas Dyess Sr.,

age 64, died Oct. 29, 1999 at Earl B. Hadlow Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Dyess was an educator for over 40 years with Bolles School and was semi-retired.

Graveside services were held Nov. 2, 1999 at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Jessie M. Dyess, a son: Joseph Thomas Dyess Jr., Orlando, Fla.; his mother: Mabel S. Dyess, Elba; a brother: Harold A. Dyess, Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters: Sara D. Sharpless and Jayn Dyess, both of Elba.

VALERIE GENITA JONES MCCOY

Mrs. Valerie Genita Jones McCoy, age 27, of Enterprise, died May 8, 1999.

Mrs. Jones-McCoy was born January 20, 1972 to Bertha Lee Jones-Criner and Johnny McGowan.

Funeral services were held Oct. 30, 1999 at John's Chapel A.M.E. in Enterprise with Rev. Elvin officiating. Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directed the service.

Mrs. Jones-McCoy was preceded in death by her husband, W. (Oliver) Wilson.

Survivors include her stepdaughter: Fannie Taylor, Charleston, N.C.; and three stepgrandsons.

TAMARA MONIQUE WARD

Miss Tamara Monique Ward was born April 2, 1977, in Ozark, Ala.

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ANICE FLORENCE WILSON
Mrs. Anice Florence Wilson, age 98, of Enterprise, Ala., died Oct. 29, 1999 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held at El Bethel Assembly of God Church on Nov. 1, 1999 with Rev. Phil Greenaway officiating and Rev. Mike Taylor assisting. Burial followed in the Old Tabernacle Cemetery with Seary Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Anita Zhire' Ward, Enterprise; father: Anthony Griffin, Ozark; brother: Marrell Rashad Grant, Enterprise; grandmother: Annette Baker, Ozark; one aunt; two uncles and other relatives.

Mrs. Wilson was preceded in death by her husband, W. (Oliver) Wilson.

Survivors include her stepdaughter: Fannie Taylor, Charleston, N.C.; and three stepgrandsons.

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LIFESTYLES

Miss Christmas Pageant set for Friday, November 26th

The 1999 Miss Christmas Pageant, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is set for Friday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. in the Elba High School Auditorium.

The divisions for this year's pageant are as follows: Miss Christmas - 10th-12th Grade; Jr. Miss Christmas - 7th-9th Grade; Mini Miss Christmas - 4th-6th Grade; Little Miss Christmas - Kindergarten; Petite Miss Christmas - 2 years of age - 4 years of age; Tiny Tot Little Miss Christmas - Birth - 23 months.

The dress for the pageant is casual (No Pageant Dresses Please). Bio sheets are available to pick up at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office or at five schools. The entry fee is \$10, and all contestants are invited to ride in the Christmas Parade on Saturday night, Nov. 27.

Rehearsal date and time will be announced later. For more information, call Starla Amison at 897-8301 (after 4 p.m.) or Kaye Whitworth at the chamber office at 897-3125.



DEMOPOLIS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR KATHRYN COPLIN (C) was named 2000 Marengo County Junior Miss last Saturday night. She was presented her medalion by 1999 Marengo County Junior Miss Ashlei Weiss (R). Also present was 1999 Alabama Junior Miss Anna Donaldson of Jasper, Ala. Coplin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Coplin Jr. of Demopolis and the granddaughter of Elizabeth Banks of Elba. She will go on to compete in the Alabama Junior Miss competition at the first of 2000. (photo courtesy of Demopolis Times)



Grimes Family Reunion held recently

Descendants of James Shorter and Malissia Grimes gathered at New Ebenezer Baptist Church in the Curtis Community recently for their annual family reunion which takes place the first weekend of Oct. every year. James S. Grimes died at age 48 from typhoid fever, just 3 months before their 14th child was born. He was the first person buried in the New Ebenezer cemetery.

The first reunion was held during WWI when one of the 14 children was going away to war, and everybody gathered to tell him good-bye. The war ended shortly after the reunion, and he never had to go. The reunion became a tradition and is still observed in October each year. Sara Young, daughter of

George (Pilly) and Julia Smith, was hostess this year. Sixty-five guests gisted the register, including: from Elba: Hazel Lee, Marilu Bailey, Eva Deal, Jerry and Teresa Kirkland, Jim, Neil and James Gilmer, Linda Westbrook, Lois Redmond, Bill and Martha Grimes, Phyllis Maddox; Andalusia: Lucy and Alto Martin, June Douglas, Jimmy and Debbie Grimes, John Reid and Mercedith McGlamory, Jeff, Laquetta, Hannah, and Haley Grimes; Opp: Nancy Bedsole; Tim, Lauren and Fred Donaldson; Sara Young; Panama City: Frances Grimes, David and Melanie Boyd, Joe and Evelyn Boyd, Jim and Yonnie Grimes; Christine and Al Knudson, Alexandria, VA; Frank Grimes, Mobile;

Sandra Dockery, Semmes; Beth Cloud and Rebecca, Orin Thomas Grimes, Chipley, FL; Jimmy and Helen Blankenship, Lineville; Paul and Liz Grimes, Jonesboro, GA; Fred and Diane Tillman, Valparaiso, FL; Lydia Grimes and grandchildren, Brewton; Frank and Addie

Kimbril, Riverview, FL; Alice Grimes, Mulberry, FL; Verda Mae McCurdy, Jay, FL; Wayne and Shayne Grimes, Ft. Rucker; Amelia Bedsole McCollough, Dothan, FL; Lydia Grimes and grandchild, Morgan, Chipley, FL.



Mrs. Mark Anthony Wilson

Mr. Wilson And Miss Crittenden united in holy matrimony

Mark Anthony Wilson and Cassie Crittenden were united in marriage Saturday, Oct. 9, at 4:00 in the afternoon at the Elba Church of Christ. Perry Cowan of Pritchett, Texas, uncle of the bride, officiated the wedding. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crittenden and Mrs. Tina Brooks, all of Elba.

The church doors were adorned with white bells as the auditorium was beautifully enhanced with ferns and large white flower arrangements on white column stands. Candle trees were stationed among the flowers.

Miss Tasha Brooks and Miss Tonia Brooks, sisters of the groom, attended the guest registry. Mrs. Pam Maddaloni efficiently directed the wedding. An assortment of pre-wedding songs were sung by an a cappella quartet from Troy, Ala. The quartet sang, "God Give Us Christian Homes," as the grandmothers and mothers were seated. "Oh Perfect Love" was sung as the wedding party entered.

The matron of honor was Stephanie Parrish, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Andrea Carnley, Kerry Kelly, Shelly McDaniel, all of Elba, and Melissa Welch of Savannah, Ga. They wore pale green floor length dresses and carried bouquets of hydrangeas. Jasmine Rojas, the flower girl, looked lovely in a white dress with lace gloves and a wreath of flowers in her hair.

As the quartet sang, "Faithful True," the bride entered on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage. The bride wore a fitted mermaid gown of white peau silk and a square neckline bordered with hand sewn cream brodered Schiffl lace accented with pearls. The long fitted sleeves were edged with Schiffl lace and closed with a long line of pearl buttons. She wore a long flowing veil and carried long stemmed call lilies.

Jamie Bannin of Elba was the best man. The groomsmen were J.J. Luther, Jula Luther and Andy Luther, all uncles of the groom. Hunter Plake was the ringbearer. All were attired in black tuxedos and are from Venice, La.

Pam Maddaloni beautifully sang the "Lord's Prayer."

The bride's parents hosted a reception immediately following the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church. Serving at the reception were Missy McDaniel, Misty Kelley, Lacey Nunn, and Shannon Lott.

After a honeymoon in Destin, Fla., the couple reside in Elba where the groom is employed.

Prenuptial Parties: Heather DuBose hosted a lingerie shower in her home on Sept. 4. It was a lovely afternoon with friends.

The miscellaneous shower was held in the lovely home of Mrs. Patsy Williams on Sept. 18.

The First Assembly of God Church was the setting for a gracious shower on Sept. 19, given by the ladies of the church.

Many employees of Kelley Foods, Inc. gathered for a generous shower on Sept. 24 in their breakroom. A cake and many delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Andrea Carnley hosted a lovely candle and picture frame shower on Sept. 25. It was another lovely afternoon.

Tina Brooks, mother of the groom, entertained the wedding party and out of town guests with a delicious after rehearsal dinner at the Church of Christ fellowship hall on Oct. 8.

Carolyn Brunson hosted the bridal luncheon the day of the wedding. This elegant event was also hosted by Alice Maddox, Betsy Martin and Bette Ham.



LIFESTYLES

Hill-Bozeman to be united in holy matrimony Saturday, December 18th

Mr. and Mrs. John Bryan of the Rose Hill community announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tamberli Rosanna, to Steven R. Bozeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Bozeman Jr. of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Eunice Lowman of Dozier and Mr. Kenneth Lowman of Dozier and Mrs. Lorene Bryan and the late D.J. Bryan of the Rose Hill community.

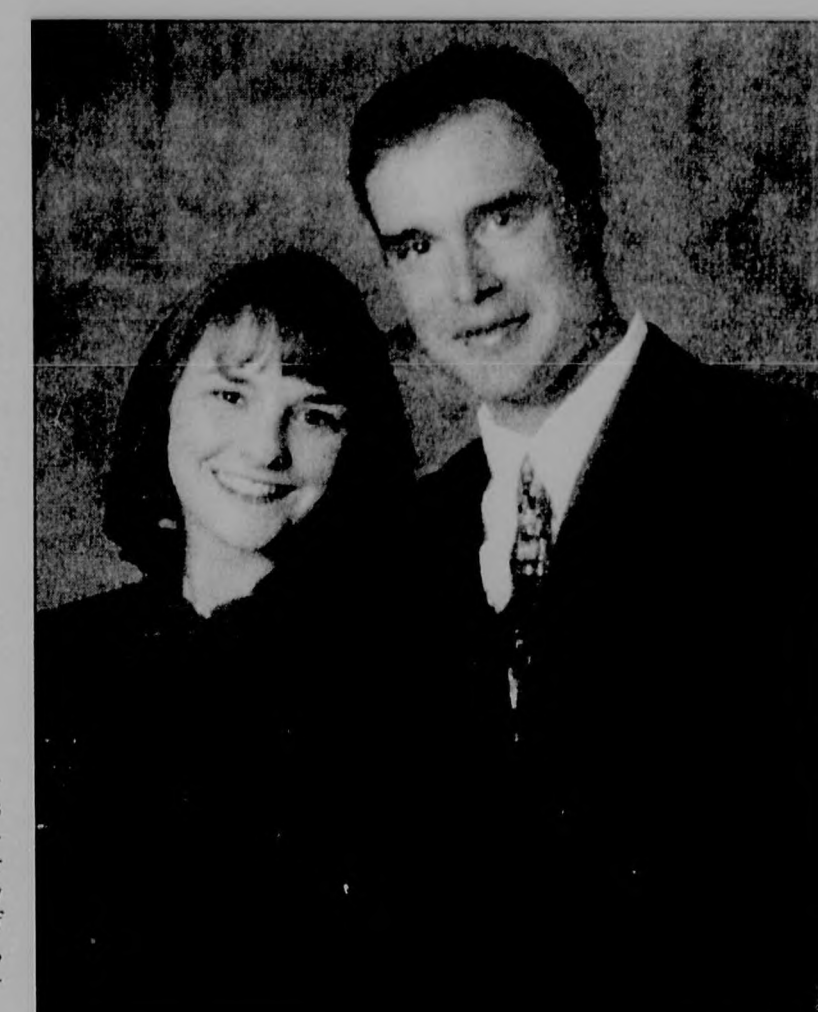
She is a 1997 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Troy State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Business and Spanish. She currently is pursuing her Master's degree in education at Auburn University and is employed with the school system of Covington County.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Meacham of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Max Bozeman Sr. of Brantley.

He is a 1994 graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agribusiness and economics.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, December 18, 1999, at 2 p.m. at the Elba United Methodist Church.

No formal invitations will be sent, but all friends and family are invited to attend.



Miss Hill and Mr. Bozeman

The Enterprise Garden Club Federation to present "All About Christmas"

The Enterprise Garden Club Federation presents "All About Christmas," a Flower Arranging and Table Settings Program. This informative program will take place in the Enterprise First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on Nov. 9. Admission is \$5 at the door. Tables will be decorated to represent a Christmas cus-

tom or tradition. You will hear stories and history about these customs and traditions and learn about various Christmas ornaments and their meanings. It will be delightfully entertaining, informative and lots of fun. For additional information, call Jackie Quisenberry at 347-1170.



Mrs. Robert Clayton Hickman Jr.

Celebratory wedding ceremony to be held for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clayton Hickman Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Foster Bane and Mr. Robert Clayton Hickman Sr., all of Elba, proudly announce the marriage of their children, Robert Clayton Hickman Jr. and Kyrstal Dawn Bane. The groom is also the son of the late Gwendolyn Thomas Hickman.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bascom McCord and Mrs. Lessie Bane, all of Elba, and the late Willie Thomas Bane. Kristy is currently employed with a dentist in Elba.

The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hill Thomas of New Brockton and the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Hick-



Jackson Craig Thomas

Jackson Craig Thomas is one year old

Jackson Craig Thomas, the son of Craig and Amy Thomas of New Brockton celebrated his first birthday on Sept. 3, 1999. His grandparents are Larry and Deloris Tindol of New Brockton and Jerome and Linda Thomas of Orlando, Fla. Jackson's great-grandparents are Eula Driggers and Annie Lee Tindol of New Brockton and Clela Merle Thomas of Titusville, Fla.

NEW ARRIVAL
ERIKA BROOKE HUSSEY



Erika Brooke Hussey

Jeff and Donna Hussey of Victoria announce the birth of their daughter, Erika Brooke Hussey. Erika was born Sept. 18, 1999 at Flowers Hospital.

Proud grandparents are Donald and Sue Hussey of Victoria and Donny and Diane Jones of Jack. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hussey of Victoria and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jones of Brundage.

Brunson-Doom wedding planned for Saturday, January 15th

The engagement of Elizabeth Foye Brunson to Jason Woodrow Doom is announced by the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Charles William Crowell of Enterprise. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Dr. Emmett Thomas Brunson, Enterprise.

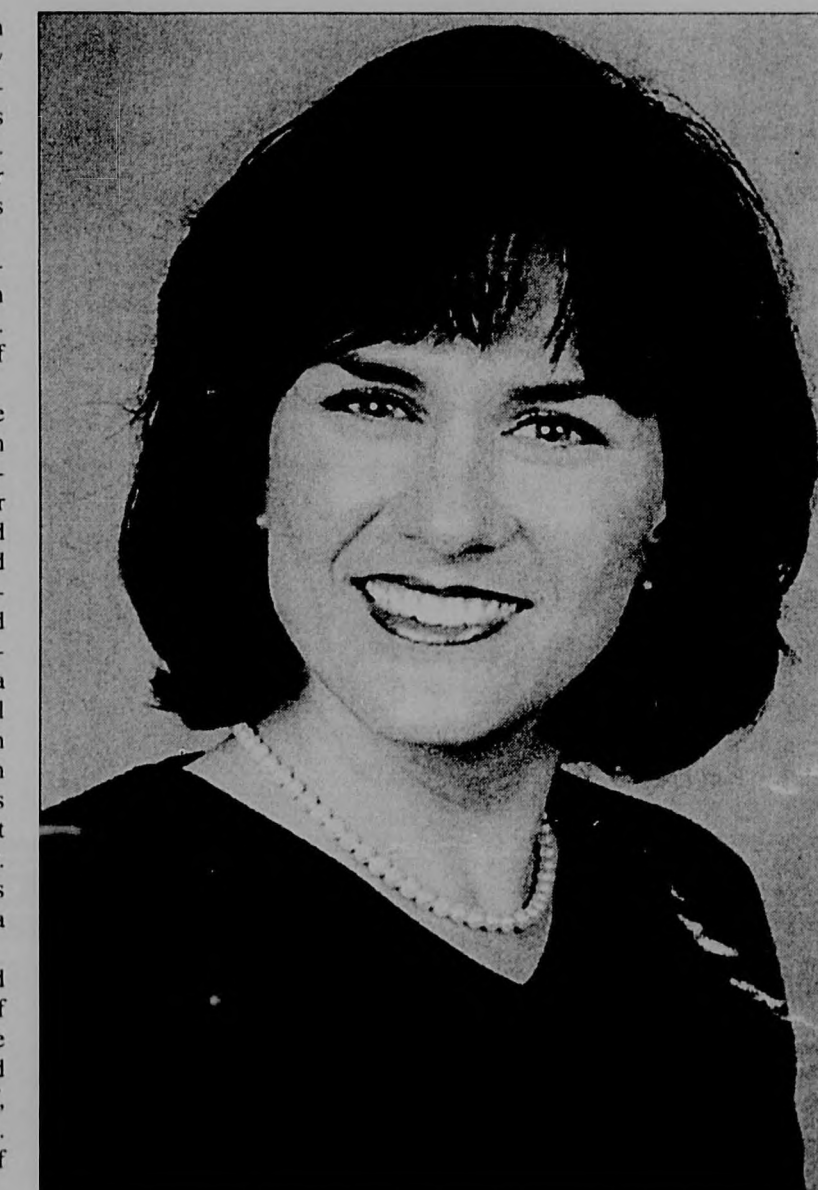
Miss Brunson is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Marvin Jones and the late Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Treadwell Brunson, all of Samson.

The bride-elect was a cum laude graduate of Birmingham Southern College with a degree in psychology. She was a member of Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa and Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities. She was also a member of Alpha Omicron Pi and served as president of Baptist Campus Ministries. She received a Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, where she was awarded the President's Merit Scholar for the School of Theology. Miss Brunson currently is employed in the ministry with a university in Raleigh, N.C.

Mr. Doom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rommie Woodrow Doom of DeValls Bluff, Ark. He is the grandson of Mrs. Adolph Riba and the late Mr. Riba of DeValls Bluff, Ark. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Sherman Doom Sr. of Goodwin, Ark.

The future bridegroom is a magna cum laude graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. He received degrees in history and Biblical studies and was a member of the Kappa Chi Men's Social Club and Psi Alpha Theta. He will graduate in December with a Master of Divinity with Biblical Language degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He plans to pursue a PhD in religion.

The wedding is planned for January 15, 2000 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Enterprise. A reception will follow at the Fort Rucker Officers' Club.



Miss Elizabeth Foye Brunson

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Elba High School celebrated its homecoming last week, and my big brother Tony and his wife Jane (Heard) came down all the way from Frederick, Maryland, to join in the festivities as members of the honored "Class of 1969." They arrived a little too late to ride in the parade, but did get a chance to attend the football game, and a couple of parties, and enjoyed their trip back to Elba. By the way, they are expecting their third grandchild sometime next May. It was great to have two more members of the Mularz clan in Elba, if it was only for three days!

ELBA STORMS INTO PLAYOFFS WITH BIG 49-14 WIN

The Elba Tigers gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about and let the alumni head to their parties earlier than many expected Friday night as they clobbered the Slocomb Red Tops 49-14, to clinch the Class 3A, Area 3 title, and grab the home field advantage in the opening round of the prep playoffs. The Tigers kicked off to open the game, but led 14-0 before the Red Tops even had the chance to snap the ball twice, and owned a 42-0 lead at the half en route to the lopsided win. A total of 11 different running backs combined to gain 337 yards for Elba, while two quarterbacks threw touchdown passes, and of Elba's three pass completions, two went for touchdowns to two different receivers. All in all, all seven of the Tigers' touchdowns were scored by different players. That is definitely sharing the fun!

The Elba offense came out determined to run the football against Slocomb, and did just that as the Tigers rolled up 337 yards on the ground, despite letting the Elba Junior Tigers play almost the entire second half. The Tiger offense did just about anything it wanted, anytime it wanted, and with 4:33 left in the third quarter had already amassed 429 yards in total offense and scored 49 points. It was the kind of offensive output the Tigers needed to gain some confidence heading into the playoffs, and a night in which the starters get a chance to have some fun, and then get some rest.

The Elba first unit defense limited Slocomb to only 98 total yards of offense, recorded 3 sacks and returned an interception for a touchdown in two and a half quarters of action Friday night, and once again showed that it could dominate an opposing offense. The Tiger defense forced a fumble on the opening kickoff, returned an interception for a score on Slocomb's first play of the game, and basically did whatever it wanted while the starters were in the game. Twenty-five players made tackles or assisted in tackles in the win, and it was easy to see that the Tiger defenders were having fun.

I realize that Slocomb closed out the season with a 1-9 record and was one of the weakest teams on the Tigers' schedule. However, the Tigers came out ready to play in front of a huge homecoming crowd and took charge from the opening whistle. It always helps to win, no matter the opponent, and Friday night's win should help Coach Head and his staff for this week's playoff game, and on into the future as they continue the task of rebuilding the Elba football program.

BRANTLEY ONLY AREA TEAM TO CLOSE WITH WIN

The high school football regular season drew to an end last week, and as has been the case for the season, the Brantley Bulldogs were the only area team to put a win in the books. Here's a quick look back...

*** **BRANTLEY (10-0)** was more than a little flat in the Bulldogs' area title match-up against J.U. Blacksher and had to come from behind twice to escape with a hard fought 34-14 win. Blacksher was fired up for the visit by the defending 1A state champs, and played well throughout the game, especially at Brantley's deadly speed on two punt returns for scores and a 95-yard pass interception return. The Bulldogs had better get their act together soon, because from now on out the competition will be markedly improved.

*** **NEW BROCKTON (4-6)** failed in its effort to even its record heading into the playoffs as the Gamecocks were outscored 40-32. The Gamecocks' offense had little trouble moving the football against the 1A Wildcats; however, the rugged Brockton defense just didn't match up with the speedy Wildcat backs, and played much of the game playing chase. New Brockton won the area title and will be at home in the opening round of the playoffs, but may not be quite as confident as they could have been after suffering through some close late-season losses.

*** **KINSTON (1-9)** had a chance to make it to the playoffs with a win over Straughn last Thursday night, but fell behind early and never really threatened in falling 40-14. The Bulldogs closed the season with a 1-9 slate, far less than hoped for. However, the Bulldogs did have several youngsters that got considerable playing time this season, and if the Bulldogs will get serious with their off-season program and dedicate themselves to becoming a winning football team, they could very well be a winner as early as next season. For winning football teams the season doesn't just last three months, it lasts the entire year.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (0-9)** put an end to its nightmare season Friday night by falling to Houston Academy 41-24, in DOTHAN. The Rebels closed out the season against two teams that were winless on the season, yet lost both games, and for the first time in years failed to post win. Zion Chapel had some good high school football players and some veteran coaches that knew what it took to win, but once the Rebels ran out of players in the season, and the Coffee County School Board instructed the coaches to allow students to join the team after six weeks of the season, it was really all over for the Rebels. The season may be over, but the most important time for the future of football at Zion Chapel is now, and the Rebel fans need to step forward now and decide what course the program is to take!

PREP PLAYOFFS CREATE INTERESTING MATCH-UPS

The opening round of the high school football playoffs take place this week at 95 high school stadiums all across Alabama, and as always, the opening round of the playoffs brings with it some very interesting fights, and match-ups. Here are just a few...

*** **CLASS 1A** - The defending state champions from Brantley rolled through the season undefeated and will be the huge favorite to repeat, while G.W. Long, Notasulga and American Christian will also bring unbeaten records into the post-season party. Nine teams with losing records will be in the Round 1 contests, with West Jefferson coming in at 1-8, followed by Fruitdale (2-7), Madison Academy (2-7) and Warrior (2-8). The top match-up in week one could take place over in Skipperville, where G.W. Long (10-0) tangles with (7-3) Sweetwater, or down in Thomaston, where always dangerous Florida (6-4) travels to oppose A.L. Johnson (9-1).

*** **CLASS 2A** - The defending state champions from Southern Choctaw are back in the field this year with an 8-2 record, while the only undefeated teams in the 32-team field are Wicksburg (10-0) and Lineville (10-0), with Lineville being the heavy favorite to leave Birmingham with the big trophy. Only two teams with losing records are in the 2A field, and oddly enough both will enter as area champs in New Brockton (4-6) and Redtown (4-6). The best game of the opening week? How about Geneva County (7-3) at J.F. Shields (7-2), or Clay County (8-2) at Cherokee (9-1).

*** **CLASS 3A** - The defending state champions from Briarwood Christian are back in the hunt with an 8-2 record, while teams bringing in a perfect record include Good Hope, Springville and Plainview, all at 10-0. Five teams with losing records will be in the 3A title hunt, with Slocomb (1-9) having the worst record, followed closely by Luverne (2-8). The top games in this class in opening round action may be Aliceville (7-2) at Eutaw (6-4), Crossville (7-3) at Good Hope (10-0), or Sylvania (8-2) at Lincoln (9-1).

*** **CLASS 4A** - Desher, the defending state champ in 4A, will be back this season and will be a heavy favorite to repeat after posting an impressive 9-1 regular season mark. Undefeated teams in the hunt for the state

crown will include Tallassee (10-0), Geneva (10-0) and Carbon Hill (10-0), while only four teams in the 32-team field have losing records, with Lafayette (3-7) and Area champ Rehobeth (4-6) being perhaps the weakest of the teams. The best game on the opening week schedule? Check out Dale County (8-2) at Tallassee (10-0), T.R. Miller (8-2) at Jemison (9-1) or (8-2) Sheffield at Midfield (7-3).

*** **CLASS 5A** - The three-time defending state champs from Blount will enter the post-season with a less than impressive 6-3 record, and a little embarrassed after being wiped out last week 41-7 by Vigor, but have to be the team to beat until someone knocks them out. Undefeated teams include Etowah (9-0), Jacksonville (9-0) and Walker (10-0), while five teams in the 5A field will bring losing records, including perennial power Greenville, which will limp in at 2-7. The best bet this week for the 5A fans will be Escambia County (6-4) at Opp (8-2), Buckhorn (9-1) at Etowah (9-0) and Jackson-Olin (6-4) at Walker (10-0).

*** **CLASS 6A** - Defending state champion Vestavia Hills will be back looking to repeat, but with a 7-3 record, is considered a long-shot to repeat. Undefeated teams in the hunt include Alma Bryant (10-0), Mt. Brook (10-0) and Decatur (10-0), while only three teams will bring losing records to the post-season party, with one of those teams being former 6A power Robert E. Lee at 4-6. The best games among the big boys this week could be Daphne (8-2) at Central-Phenix City (7-2), Jess Lanier (7-3) at Shades Valley (8-2) and Robert E. Lee (4-6) at Jeff Davis (6-3).

ONCE OVER...NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY

*** The 1989 state champion Elba Tigers were honored last week prior to the Elba-Slocomb homecoming game, and it was really good to see the number of players that returned to take part in the presentation. The reunion for the players was the brainstorm (sorry Farris, and he really did a lot of work organizing the event). The '89 players ran out on the field prior to the game, and team captains Anthony Brooks and Kevin Matthews went out to midfield with the Elba captains for the coin toss. The return of the state champs seemed to get this year's players excited, and I heard some of this year's players talking about how "big" the '89 players were. It was a great idea, and Dr. Farris is to be congratulated!

*** Auburn may have played one of its worst games in years in the Tigers' 34-10 loss to Arkansas. The Tigers were never in the game, and apparently never even had a plan that would have kept the game close. Coach Tommy Tuberville stated the obvious after the game in that the Auburn players had a bad day, but once again never even thought about sharing the blame as the head coach. Hey, it could have been worse! Just think what would have happened if Ben Leard had been playing on artificial turf when he got his head slammed to the ground. Ouch!

*** Alabama continued to surprise me with its big 35-14 win over Southern Mississippi. The Tide was sitting pretty to be knocked off with Andrew Zow and Shaun Alexander out of the line-up, but the Tide picked up the intensity on defense and handled the Golden Eagles without a real problem. Maybe if the Tide would show up every week the old time Bama fans would be able to support Coach Dubose and his obviously very talented Crimson Tide team.

*** Mobile Christian has decided not to join the Alabama High School Athletic Association after all, leaving the AHSAA to take a second look at Class 3A, Region 1, and Elba High School scrambling to find an opponent to fill its spot on the 2000 schedule. The Leopards had applied for membership last year, but after the AHSAA changed its method of counting students private schools began to take a second look at joining the public school ranks, and after struggling to a 5-5 mark this season, thought it would be better to stay put. Word was that the parents of many of the athletes had threatened to pull their kids out if the change was made. Oh well, now Elba has only three home games next season. Any takers?

*** When John Shaw High School took the field two weeks ago against Murphy, the scoreboard read "Soldiers" above Shaw's place on the board. Shaw's nickname is not the Soldiers, it is the Rebels, but the nickname connected with Confederate forces in the Civil War is obviously on its way out, especially at Shaw, which has a 75 percent black student population. The school's principal stated she would listen to the concerns of the community and follow suit, but the cheerleaders already can't perform any cheers using the word "Rebel," and also cannot have the name sewn on their uniforms. One teacher said a school's mascot should build "unity" and "pride," and another stated the mascot was changed in the mid-1970's from a Confederate

ate soldier to a Minuteman from the Revolutionary War. Hey, why not let the students and alumni vote on a change. After all, it was their school, too!

*** Auburn may be struggling on the gridiron this season, but better days are ahead, and the fans will also enjoy the games more now that the Tigers are finally beefing up their schedule a little. Auburn will play a home-and-home series with Southern Cal in 2002-2003, will play a home-and-home with Syracuse in 2001-2002, will begin a three-game series with Georgia Tech in 2003, and will play Clemson four straight years beginning in 2006. Next season Auburn will open its season at home against Texas Tech.

PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR PREP PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office a little earlier than usual Sunday, and admitted that he forgot to change his clock. The local guesstimer hit on 21 of 30 picks last week to move his season totals to 233-62, and declared that he was primed for the playoffs and ready to close out the season with a bang. Here's this week's opening round picks...

ELBA VS. TRINITY

The Tigers won three of their final four games, and will be at home Friday night for a first-ever meeting with the Trinity Wildcats, of Montgomery. Trinity is one of many private schools in the capitol city playing public school sports, and while the Wildcats will be heavy favorites against Elba, the Tigers will show up ready to play and with a break or two could pull off the upset. In a game won in the fourth quarter, make it....

ELBA 18 TRINITY 17

BRANTLEY VS. AKRON

The Brantley Bulldogs will head into their second season a little banged up, but should get well quickly against lowly Akron. The Bulldogs found our last week that they can lose to any team on their schedule if they don't play well. So, look for a rebirth this season as Brantley goes 11-0.

BRANTLEY 41 AKRON 6

NEW BROCKTON VS. COTTONWOOD

The Gamecocks' lost another close game last week to fall to 4-6 on the season, and will have their hands full this week when the Cottonwood Bears come to town for a round one match-up. New Brockton seems to do better against power teams, and that is just what the Bears will bring to town Friday night. In an upset of sorts, lets go with....

NEW BROCKTON 22 COTTONWOOD 21

OTHER PICKS:

G.W. Long 28 Sweetwater 14
Notasulga 26 Autaugaville 20
Florida 45 A.L. Johnson 43
Highland Home 21 Horseshoe Bend 8
Houston County 21 Straughn 14
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J.F. Shields 20 Geneva County 16
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Briarwood 28 Excel 0
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St. Paul's 49 Central 8
Geneva 42 Central 12 Hayneville 6
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Jeff Davis 13 R.E. Lee 10
Opelika 28 Baldwin County 10

Kickoff set for 7:00 PM at Tiger Stadium

Elba hosts Trinity in playoff opener

The Elba Tigers will open their quest for the Class 3A state football championship Friday night when they host the Trinity Presbyterian Wildcats, of Montgomery, in Tiger Stadium.

Kickoff for the playoff game will be 7:00 PM. "Trinity has a well disciplined, well coached football team," stated Elba's Coach Julius Head, "and they will certainly present us with a tough challenge in the opening round of the playoffs on Friday night. Trinity has played some of the best 3A teams in the state on the road this season in posting a 6-4 record, and even though they lost four games, they gained some valuable experience and have an outstanding high school football team."

Trinity has posted wins over Montgomery Catholic 9-0, Alabama Christian 20-14, Montgomery Academy 7-0, Holyville 42-0, Goshen 35-15 and St. Jude 23-0, while losing to Excel 28-7, St. James 14-0, U.S. Wright 54-3 and Briarwood Christian 35-14. "Trinity beat some very good teams in Alabama Christian, Montgomery Academy and Goshen," added Coach Head, "and every one of the teams they lost to are in the playoffs. Trinity has played leading defending state champ Briarwood Christian and U.S. Wright, of Mobile, which knocked off St. Paul's last week in their regular season final. Trinity has played Briarwood, in Birmingham, and U.S. Wright, in Mobile, and won't mind one little bit coming down to Elba Friday night in the playoffs."

While the Wildcats may be looking forward to coming to Elba Friday night, it should be a confident bunch of Tigers that take the field for their playoff opener. Elba will enter the game having won three of its final four games, with the wins coming over 2A playoff participant Straughn 25-16, and Area 3 rivals Clayton 48-6 and Slocomb 49-14. Of the six teams that defeated the Tigers, two are in the playoffs in Class 5A, and the others are also in the playoffs in 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A.

"We have played better at times in recent games," said Coach Head. "Last week against Slocomb we were able to come out and take command from the start, and that allowed us to play a lot of folks and take the steam out of Slocomb almost from the opening kickoff. The offense moved the ball well on the ground, the line blocked better and we completed all three passes we attempted, with two going for touchdowns. We were able to put 49 points on the scoreboard in two and one-half quarters, and we'll take that no matter who we are playing. The defense gave up a few runs and gave caught out of position in the secondary late in the game, but played well until the game was well out of hand and really did a good job rushing the passer in the late play on offense. While they don't have any one player that can take control of the game, they do have a very solid offensive scheme and do a very good job keeping the football away from their opposition. On defense we will have to be ready to play hard on every snap, and make certain we don't miss any assignments. Of course, we will have to tackle well both at the line and in the secondary. Our offense will

ELBA TIGER STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING:

Tony Burks 98-438 6TD
Michael Sams 26-209 3TD
Bradley Bowers 32-153 2TD
Monroe Williams 10-150 2TD

PASSING:

Bradley Bowers 45-121-6 703 7TD

RECEIVING:

Tim Ware 13-218 5TD
Josh Lawford 8-137 1TD
Jep Dubose 7-114 1TD

TACKLES:

Tony Burks 43T - 8A
Brandon Salter 31T - 6A
Sammy Hill 29T - 8A
Jep Dubose 23T - 6A
Dustin Stinson 23T - 5A

do a lot of things very well. The line blocks well, the backs run hard and they play very hard on every single play on offense. While they don't have any one player that can take control of the game, they do have a very solid offensive scheme and do a very good job keeping the football away from their opposition. On defense we will have to be ready to play hard on every snap, and make certain we don't miss any assignments. Of course, we will have to tackle well both at the line and in the secondary. Our offense will

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SPORTS

Tigers slam Slocomb 49-14 for Area 3 title

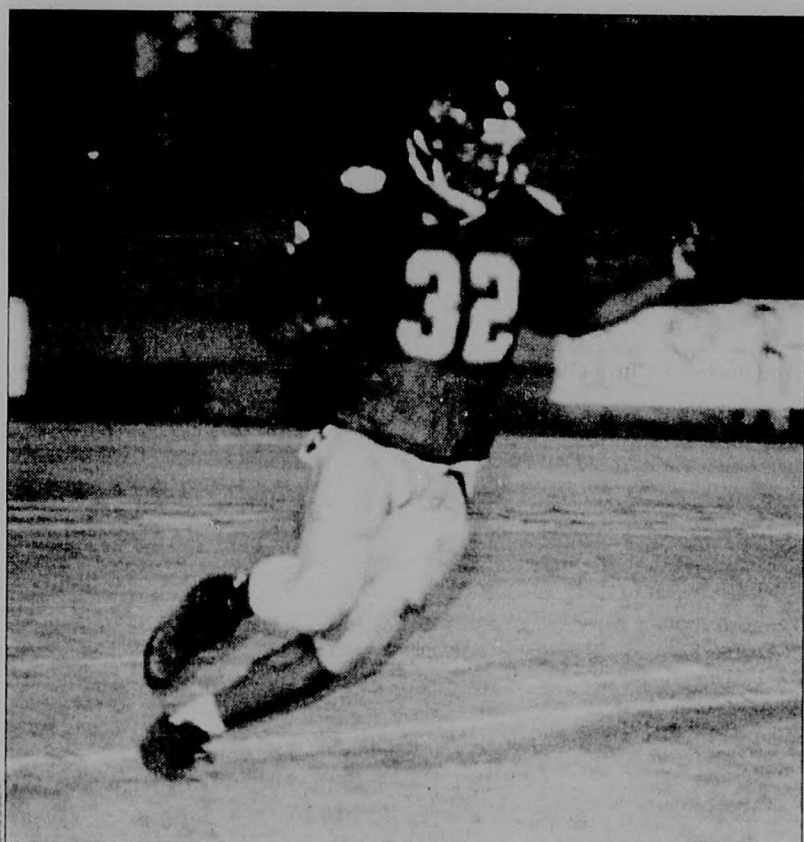
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about Friday night as they clobbered the Slocomb Red Tops 49-14, to clinch the Class 3A, Area 3 championship with an easy 49-14 win over the Slocomb Red Tops.

The win tipped the Tigers' record to 3-6, 2-0 in Area 3 play, while the Red Tops slipped to 1-9 with the loss, 1-1 in Area 3 action.



Elba's Tony Burks (33) is off and running for a Tiger touchdown. Burks will lead the Tigers Friday night when they host the Trinity Wildcats in 3A playoff action.



Elba's Monroe Williams (32) sets sails on a 39-yard touchdown run in last week's big 49-14 win over Slocomb. The win gave the Tigers the Class 3A, Area 3 crown for the second straight year.



Everyone in attendance on the Elba side of the stadium enjoyed the Tigers' big 49-14 win over Slocomb.

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Slocomb received the opening kick, but never even got to run a play, as the Red Tops fumbled the kickoff return and Elba's Cassius Wilson recovered at the Slocomb 33-yardline.

The Tigers were ready to run, and did just that as Tony Burks, Cassius Wilson and Bradley Bowers took turns hitting heads with the Slocomb defense. Brandon Salter scored the touchdown on a 2-yard

blast, and Chris Turner tackled on the extra-point as Elba moved on to top 7-0 with 10:20 remaining in the opening stanza.

Slocomb did manage to ruin a play on its ensuing possession, and the play did result in a touchdown. However, it was the Tigers that put the points on the scoreboard 4, as Elba's Dustin Stinson stepped in from a Red Top toss and returned the interception 37 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Turner added the extra-point, and with 10:03 still left in the first quarter the rout was already on as Elba was on top 14-0.

Elba began its next possession at its own 18-yardline following a Red Top punt, and this time it took the Tigers only two plays to cover the distance to the goal line. Josh Lawford cut-leaped a Slocomb defender to pull in a Bradley Bowers pass and raced 78 yards to put Elba in business at the Red Top 4-yardline, and Bradley Bowers sneaked in from there for the Tigers' third touchdown of the quarter. Chris Turner added the extra-point, and with 7:16 remaining in the opening stanza Elba was in complete command with a 21-0 lead!

The Tigers began their next offensive series at their own 18-yardline following another Slocomb punt, and this time the Tigers marched 82 yards in 11 plays to add to their lead.

Bradley Bowers, Brandon Salter and Tony Burks all had 12-yard runs in the scoring march, while the touchdown came on a reverse by Monroe Williams that covered 39 yards. Chris Turner again tackled on the extra-point, and with 11:50 remaining in the second quarter the Tigers were rolling along with a 28-0 advantage.

Elba got the ball back at its own 31-yardline following another Red Top punt, and this time needed only five plays to cover the distance to the endzone.

Tony Burks gained 19 yards on two carries to spark the drive early, while the touchdown came on a 39-yard pass from Bradley Bowers to Tim Ware. Turner booted the extra-point, and with 4:47 left in the second quarter Elba's lead had ballooned to 35-0 over the stunned Red Tops.

The Tigers got the ball back at their own 29-yardline late in the half and continued their assault on the Slocomb defense as they needed only four plays to cover the 71 yards to the endzone.

The touchdown came on a 50-yard scamper by Elba's 8th grader Michael Sams, and Chris Turner tackled on his fifth extra-point of the half, as the Tigers went to 42-0 with 1:19 still remaining in the first half.

Slocomb's offense showed signs of life in its ensuing possession, and behind the passing of Adam Howell and the running of Albert Carroll, the Red Tops marched to a first down at the Elba 15-yardline. A penalty and a quarterback sack by the Tigers' Cassius Wilson killed the Slocomb scoring threat; however, and at intermission many of the alumni in attendance headed for their parties as the Tigers already had the win wrapped up with a 42-0 halftime bulge.

Elba received the second half kick and marched 90-yards in 15 plays to score its final points of the night. Tony Burks, Cassius Wilson and Bradley Bowers combined to gain 60 yards on only six carries to spark the drive, while the touchdown came on a 15-yard pass from Brandon Salter to Marcus Henderson. Chris Turner added his seventh extra-point of the game, and with 4:33 left in the third quarter the



Elba quarterback Bradley Bowers (12) reads the block of teammate Josh Lawford (20) as he heads upfield for a big gain in the Tigers' 49-14 win over Slocomb. The Tigers will host Trinity Friday night in the opening round of the Class 3A playoffs. Kickoff is set for 7:00 PM.

Tigers were in charge with a whopping 49-0 advantage.

The Tiger defense came up with a pair of turnovers on Slocomb's next two offensive series, with Jep Dubose recovering a fumble and Marcus Henderson intercepting a pass.

Slocomb began its third possession of the half at its own 48-yardline following an Elba punt, and drove 52 yards in six plays to get on the scoreboard.

Albert Carroll and Patrick Trawick both had big runs in the scoring drive, while it was Adam Howell (6) that scored the touchdown on an 11-yard scamper. The extra-point was true, and with 6:10 left in the game Slocomb had cut the Tigers' lead to 49-7.

The Red Tops began their next series at the Slocomb 21-yardline with 3:12 left on the clock, and played beat the clock as they quickly marched down field to score their second touchdown of the season.

Adam Howell hit on 3 of 3 passes for 54 yards during the scoring drive, and passed to Justin Shipes for an 8-yard touchdown loss in the half and continued their assault on the Slocomb defense as they needed only four plays to cover the 71 yards to the endzone.

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SPORTS



Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleaders jump for joy as the Rebels score in the third quarter to pull within 28-16 in last week's 40-24 loss to Houston Academy. The loss left the Rebels with an 0-9 record for the 1999 high school football season.

Second half Rebel rally falls short in 40-24 loss to Houston Academy

By Tony Calhoun, Sportswriter

The Zion Chapel Rebels closed the books on one of their worst seasons ever Friday night when they were defeated by the Houston Academy Raiders 41-24, in Dothan.

Zion Chapel received the opening kick, but kept the ball for only one snap, as on the Rebels' first play from scrimmage Houston Academy's Brett Tidwell intercepted a Marcus Taylor pass and

returned it to the Zion Chapel 13-yardline. Patrick Kelley scored three plays later on a 5-yard dash, and Chris Byrd added the extra-point, as the Raiders jumped ahead 7-0 with 9:42 still left in the opening stanza.

Houston Academy got the ball back at the Zion Chapel 48-yardline following a Rebel punt, and covered the distance in only five plays to extend its lead. The score came on a 5-yard touchdown pass from Patrick Kelley to Travis Loyd, and

Byrd again hit the extra-point try as the Raiders' lead went to 14-0 with 7:08 left in the first quarter. The Raiders began their next possession at their own 48-yardline after another Rebel punt, and once again headed toward the Zion Chapel endzone. The two-play scoring drive was capped with a 44-yard touchdown pass from Patrick Kelley to Travis Loyd, and Chris Byrd tucked on the extra-point, as Houston Academy upped its lead to 21-0 with 4:28 still remaining in the first quarter.

Houston Academy's Josh Haisken intercepted a Rebel pass on Zion Chapel's next possession to kill a Rebel drive at the Raider 26-yardline, and the two rivals swapped turnovers later in the second quarter as the Rebels' Josh McWaters intercepted a Houston Academy pass, at the Zion Chapel 6-yardline, and the Raiders recovered a Rebel fumble.

Houston Academy's Brett Tidwell intercepted yet another Zion Chapel pass late in the half and returned the interception 33 yards to set the Raiders up at the Rebel 17-yardline. One play later Houston Atwell scored on a two-yard run, and Chris Byrd tucked on the extra-point, as Houston Academy appeared to be in complete command with a 28-0 lead with 1:03 left in the half.

Zion Chapel put the ball in play at its own 44-yardline early in the third quarter after a Houston Academy punt, and got on the scoreboard by driving 56 yards in only three plays. A 31-yard pass completion from Marcus Taylor to Josh McWaters was a key play in the scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 25-yard dash by Josh McWaters. McWaters ran over for the two-point conversion, and with 8:38 left in the third quarter the Rebels had pulled within 28-8.

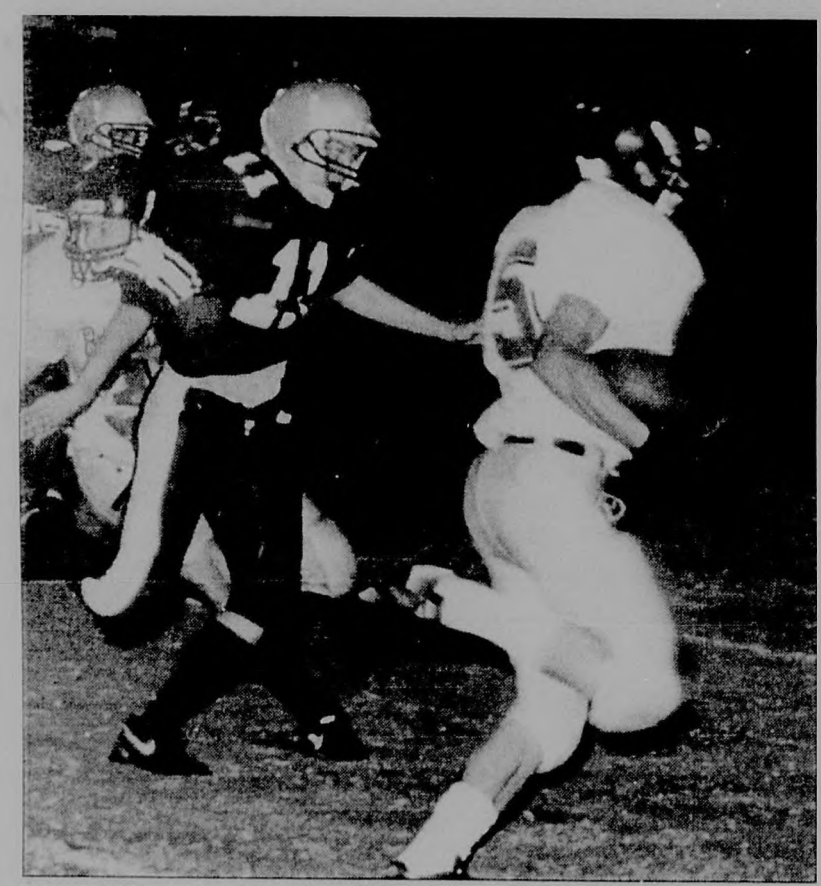
The Rebels were not wide awake, and after forcing a Houston Academy punt, drove 69 yards in six plays to get right back in the game.

The Zion Chapel score came on a 25-yard run by Josh McWaters, and Marcus Taylor ran in the two-point conversion, as the Rebels closed the deficit to 28-16 with 4:01 still remaining in the third stanza.

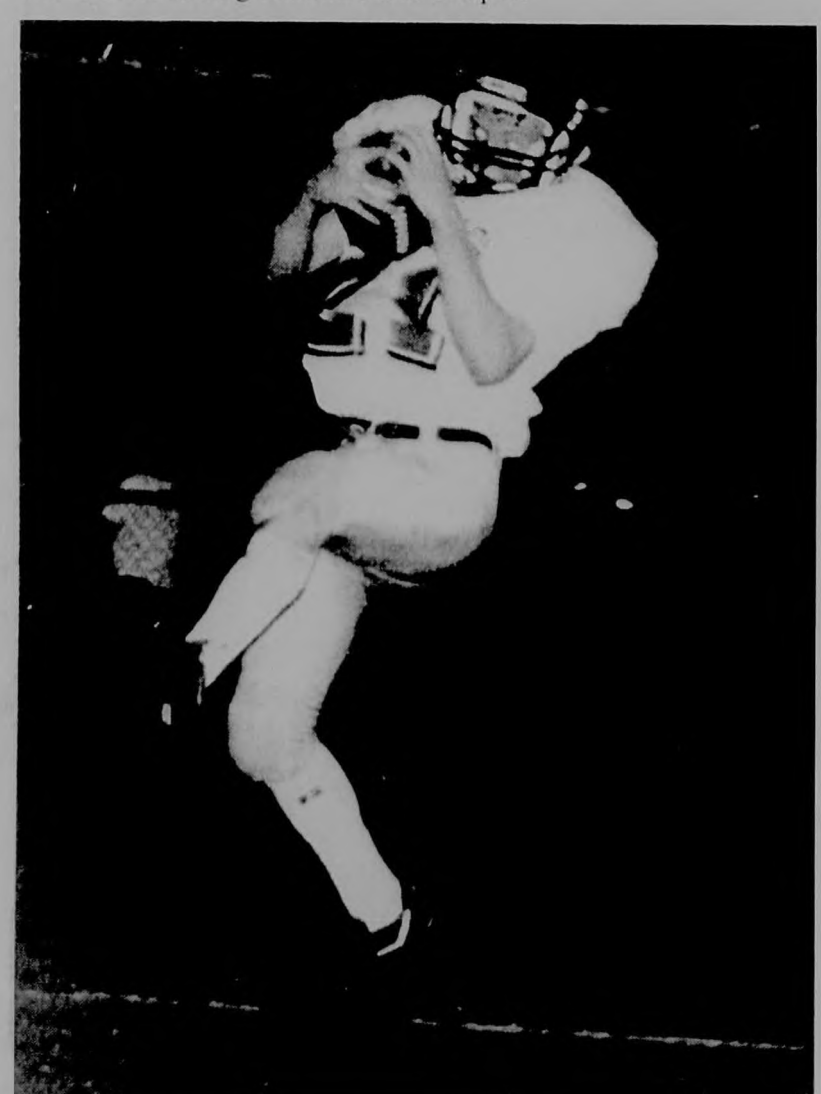
Houston Academy answered the Zion Chapel rally, however, and with the aid of a roughing the kicker penalty drove 65 yards in four plays to regain command. The score came on a one-yard plunge by Brett Tidwell, and although the extra-point try was blocked by the Rebels' Billy Nelson, the Raiders had opened up a 34-16 lead with 1:51 left in the third quarter.

Houston Academy got the ball back at its own 40-yardline following a Rebel punt, and put the win on ice as the Raiders drove 60 yards in 15 plays to put their final points of the night on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 20-yard pass from Patrick Kelley to Ryan Ernst, and after Chris Byrd added the extra-point, Houston Academy was in control with a 41-14 lead with only 4:05 left on the clock.

Zion Chapel was down, but refused to quit, and took the ensuing kick and marched 75 yards in seven plays to score its final points of the season. Josh McWaters gained all 75 yards on five carries, and scored the touchdown on a 22-yard sprint with just :56 left in the game.



Zion Chapel's Josh Meahaffey (45) is off and running for a Rebel touchdown in last week's loss to Houston Academy. Meahaffey gained over 100 yards and scored 3 touchdowns in the season-ending loss for Zion Chapel.



Rebel receiver Josh McWaters (21) goes high to pull in a pass in Zion Chapel's 40-24 loss to Houston Academy last week. McWaters had one catch for 35 yards in last week's loss that left the Rebels with an 0-9 record for the season.

Gamecocks outscored by Florida 40-32

By Josh Lewis, Sportswriter

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued to stumble in close games last week as they watched the Florida Wildcats explode for three touchdowns in the final stanza to defeat the Gamecocks 40-32, in Florida.

The loss left New Brockton with a 4-6 record, while Florida improved its slate to 6-4 with the win.

New Brockton received the opening kick, and with a little trickery, marched 52 yards to grab the early lead. A faked punt by the Gamecocks kept the drive alive early, while the touchdown came when Kellen Cole lofted a 30-yard scoring pass to Andre Flowers. The extra-point try failed, but with 7:33 left in the first quarter New Brockton was on top 6-0.

The Gamecocks' Adrian Grimes recovered a Florida fumble to stop the Wildcats' initial possession of the night, but the Wildcats got the ball right back on a Brockton punt, and this time drove 51 yards to pull even.

The Florida touchdown came on a 12-yard run by Neal Oates, while the extra-point try was blocked by the Gamecocks' Andre Flowers, as the score remained tied at 6-6 with 10:10 still remaining in the opening stanza.

Florida got the ball back on another New Brockton punt and this time marched 57 yards to the endzone. The score came on a 4-yard dash by Oates, and this time the Wildcats converted the two-point conversion to grab a 14-6 lead with 8:27 remaining in the second quarter.

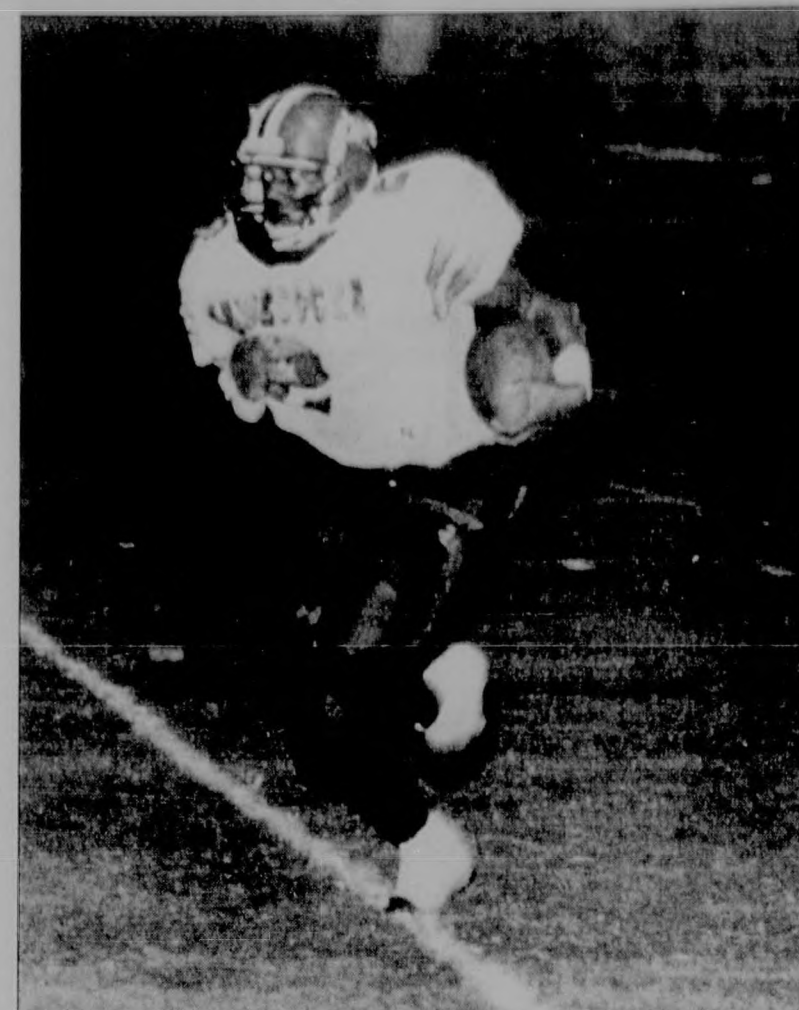
The Gamecocks quickly answered the Florida score as they took the ensuing kickoff and drove 56 yards for a touchdown. The score came on a 3-yard run by Pate Harrison, however, the extra-point failed, and with 3:15 left in the half New Brockton was still behind 14-12.

New Brockton had two chances to regain the lead late in the half, and managed to cash in on the second Florida turnover to move on top at intermission.

The Gamecocks failed to cash in on an interception by Jeremy Meek with 1:30 left on the clock, but got the ball right back on an interception by Kellen Cole, and this time reached paydirt when Cole connected with a streaking Andre Flowers on a 40-yard touchdown pass. Flowers added the extra-point, and when the half ended 28-14, the Gamecocks went in with a 19-14 advantage over the Wildcats.

Florida failed to score on its initial possession of the second half, but regained possession at the New Brockton 43-yardline following a short punt, and moved back on top when Neal Oates broke loose and raced 31 yards for the touchdown. The two-point conversion was successful.

Florida regained possession on a New Brockton punt with 4:15 left in the game, and put the exciting win in the bag by driving 54 yards for the Wildcats' final points of the



New Brockton's Jason McKenzie (2) heads for the corner of the endzone in last week's wild 40-32 loss to Florida. The Gamecocks will be at home this week when they host Cottonwood in the opening round of the 2A playoffs. Kickoff is set for 7:00 PM at Gamecock Stadium.

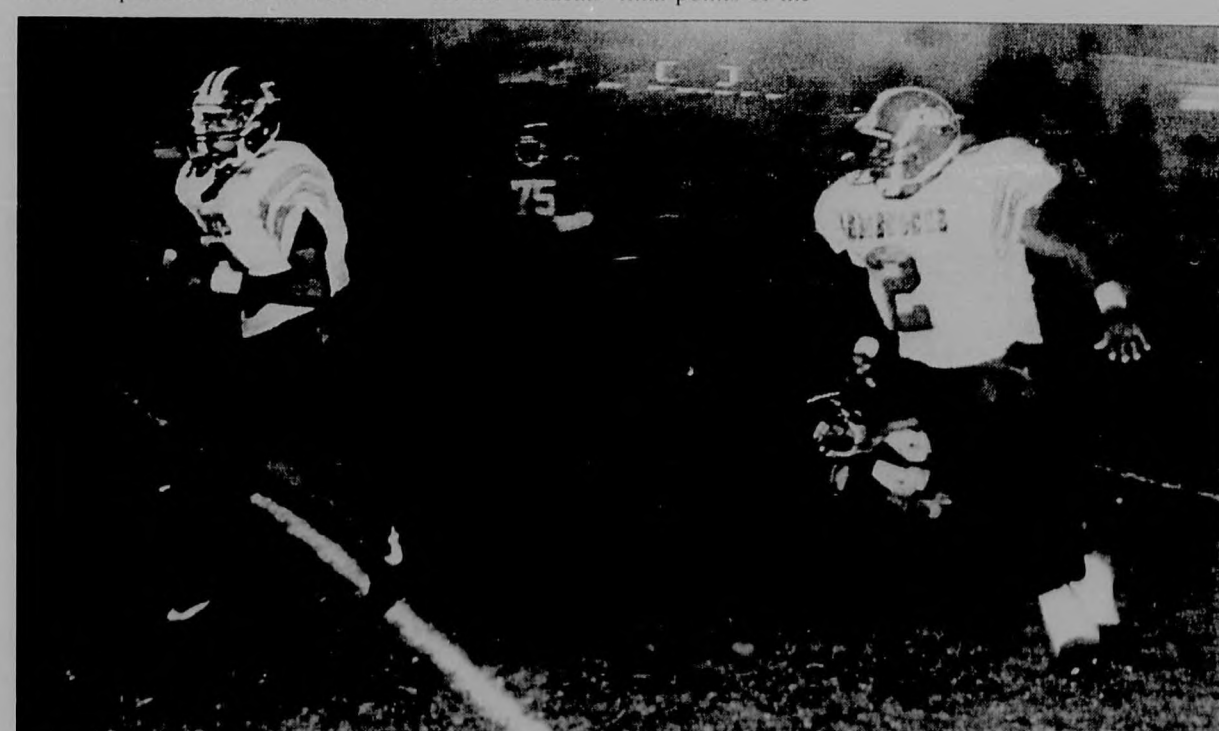
night. The touchdown came on the ensuing kickoff and quickly drove 70 yards for a touchdown. The score came on a 7-yard dash by Jason McKenzie, and Andre Flowers kicked the extra-point, as the Gamecocks pulled within 40-32 with 1:04 still left in the game.

The Gamecocks attempted an on-sides kick, but Florida recovered the kick, and then ran out the clock to claim the wild 40-32 victory over the Gamecocks.

Jason McKenzie gained 120 yards on 21 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead the New Brockton offense, while Pate Harrison added 66 yards on 14 carries and scored once. Kellen Cole hit on 5 of 10 pass attempts for 120 yards and 2 touchdowns, with Andre Flowers pulling in 4 passes for 90 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Pate Harrison made 14 tackles and Kellen Cole added 9 stops to lead the Gamecock defense. Florida was led on offense by Neal Oates with 310 yards on 30 carries, and 5 touchdowns.

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New Brockton quarterback Kellen Cole (12) waits to pitch out to teammate Jason McKenzie (2) in Friday night's 40-32 loss to Florida. The Gamecock seniors will lead New Brockton Friday night in the 2A playoffs against the Cottonwood Bears, in New Brockton.

JUNIOR HIGH Basketball Schedules

Thursday, November 4
Samson at Elba (9G-8B) 5:00
Ariton at Zion Chapel (7B-9G-8B)

Monday, November 8
Elba at Dauphin (8G-8B-9G) 5:00

Tuesday, November 9
Charles Henderson at Elba (7B-9G-8B) 4:30
Zion Chapel at Fleet (7B-9G-8B) 4:00

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SPORTS

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Brantley caps perfect 10-0 regular season



Brantley Bulldog cheerleader was all smiles late in the game as the Bulldogs pulled away to win the Class 1A, Area 3 title with a 34-14 win over J.U. Blacksher.

Brantley & New Brockton open playoff action Friday night

The Alabama high school football playoffs get underway this week across the state, with two games set for Friday night involving area teams. The New Brockton Gamecocks will be at home in the opening round of the Class 2A playoffs against the Cottonwood Bears, while in the Class 1A playoffs the defending state champion Brantley Bulldogs will be at home to challenge Akron.

Following are previews of both playoff games:

COTTONWOOD (5-5) AT NEW BROCKTON (4-6)

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be at home Friday night when they open playoff action against the Cottonwood Bears. The Gamecocks will bring a 4-6 record into the game. However, the record is deceiving, since three of the Gamecocks' losses were narrow defeats to such teams as (10-0) Wickburg 21-19, (7-3) Geneva County 20-13 and (6-4) Florida 40-32. New Brockton's offense is led by the 1-2 punch of quarterback Kellen Cole and running back Jason McKenzie, while on the defensive side of the ball the Gamecocks' leaders include Pate Harrison, Adrian Grimes and Nathan Rainey. The Bears will bring a 5-5 record into the opening round match-up, having won over 4A Rehoboth 22-0, 4A Abbeville 13-0, 4A Ashford 20-0, 2A Ariton 17-6 and 2A Louisville 21-0, while losing to 4A Dale County 14-6, 4A Geneva 48-14, 4A Headland 17-16, 2A Wickburg 15-6 and 2A Houston County 25-13. Cottonwood has played a tough schedule, as always, and has plans to make a real run in the 2A playoffs.

While Cottonwood appears to be the clear cut favorite in this game, the Gamecocks always play well on their own turf, and should give the Bears all they can handle. This should be a battle throughout all four quarters!

AKRON (3-6) AT BRANTLEY (10-0)

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to take their first step through the Class 1A playoffs in hopes of repeating at state champions Friday night when they host Akron. The Bulldogs closed out the regular season at 10-0 last week with a 34-14 win over area foe J.U. Blacksher, and will bring a high-scoring offense and a high-scoring defense into the opening round match-up. The Bulldogs can score from anywhere on the field with such offensive weapons as (QB) Andy Johnson, (RB) Bo Daniels, (RB) Darrell Owens and (SE) Zack Burnett, while over on defense the Bulldogs are equally dangerous with (DB) Zack Burnett, (LB) Bo Daniels and (DB) Darrell Owens all capable of bringing back an interception or punt the distance. Akron will bring a 3-6 slate into Friday night's game, with wins over Coffeeville 40-22, Autaugaville 14-6 and John Essex 38-8, and losses to Hale County 22-8, Greensboro 28-0, Francis Marion 22-20, Sunshine 34-6, Carrollton 22-16 and Livingston 36-30.

While Akron will not bring an impressive record into the playoff opener, it has played a number of larger schools, and won't back down from their 1A opponents. Even if that opponent is Brantley. This could be closer than many might think!

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By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

The usually high-powered Brantley offense sputtered Friday night after the long road trip to Uriah, but the Bulldogs' special teams took the wheel and scored two touchdowns of its own as Brantley came from behind to post a 34-14 win over the J.U. Blacksher Bulldogs.

The win completed an perfect 10-0 season for Brantley and gave the Bulldogs the Class 1A, Area 3 championship, while Blacksher closed out the regular season with a 5-5 slate, and the runner-up spot in the area.

J.U. Blacksher got the first break of the game when Jason Parker recovered a Bulldog fumble at the Blacksher 46-yardline. It took the hometown Bulldogs nine plays to cover the 54 yards to the endzone, with the touchdown coming on a 3-yard run by Sherman Dean. Justin Reddick added the extra-point and with 4:09 left in the first quarter J.U. Blacksher was on top 7-0.

Bo Daniels got Brantley on the scoreboard minutes later as he returned a Blacksher punt 78 yards for a touchdown, and Gregory Daniels boosted the extra-point to pull Brantley even at 7-7 with :37 remaining in the opening stanza.

J.U. Blacksher's Hunter Harrison pounced on another Brantley fumble midway through the second quarter at the Blacksher 33-yardline, and Blacksher again cashed in the turnover as it marched 67 yards for a touchdown. The scoring drive was capped off with a 26-yard touchdown run by quarterback Jacaro Tucker, and Justin Reddick added the extra-point as J.U. Black-

sher regained the lead at 14-7 with 5:01 left in the half.

Brantley took the ensuing kick and marched 54 yards in seven plays to get back into the endzone. The touchdown came on a 26-yard pass from Andy Johnson to Shaun Person on fourth down and 14, but the two-point try failed, and with 2:40 remaining in the half Brantley still trailed 14-13.

Brantley's defense forced a Blacksher punt late in the half, and it was once again "Bo Time," as the speedy Brantley back fielded the punt at the 35-yardline, broke out of a group of would-be tacklers, and raced 65 yards for a touchdown. Darrell Owens ran in the two-point conversion, and with only :39 left in the half Brantley was back on top 21-14.

Zack Burnett intercepted a Blacksher pass at the Brantley 5-yardline on the final play of the half, and at intermission Brantley went in with a 21-14 advantage in the area championship clash with the surprisingly tough Bulldogs of J.U. Blacksher.

J.U. Blacksher drove deep into Brantley territory as the second half opened, only to be turned back by the Brantley defense on a fumble recovery by Bo Daniels at the Brantley 17-yardline.

Darrell Owens gave Brantley good field position at the Blacksher 36-yardline with a 36-yard scamper, and seven plays later Andy Johnson scored on a quarterback sneak from one yard out. Rodney Wiley drilled the extra-point straight into a trans-former, and as two of the six light poles went dark, Brantley went back up-field with a 28-14 lead.

It took forty-five minutes before



Brantley's Rodney Wiley (58) literally turned out the lights for J.U. Blacksher last week when this extra-point hit a transformer behind the goal post and knocked out the power to two of the light poles at the stadium. The outage resulted in a 45-minute delay in the game, won by Brantley 34-14.

The game could resume due to the sudden power shortage, but Blacksher was still determined to pull off the upset, and took the ensuing kickoff and drove 76 yards in 15 plays, while eating up over seven minutes of the clock. Brantley's defense stiffened with its backs to its own goal line, however, and took over on downs at the Brantley 15-yardline.

Blacksher threatened again on its next possession, but this time Darrell Owens intercepted a Jacaro Tucker pass at the Brantley 5-yardline, and returned the interception 95 yards for a touchdown. Wiley's extra-point was wide, but Brantley was finally in command with a 34-14 advantage with 3:56 left in the game.

Owens iced the win only

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62	Passing Yds. 56
245	Total Offense 288
4-8-0	Passes 3-14-3
268	Return Yds. 109
3	Fumbles Lost 1
8-80	Fumbles-Yds. 11-61
2-36	Punts-Ave. 4-28

Fall to Straughn 40-14 in finale

Kinston Bulldogs fall short in bid for 2A playoff berth

From Staff Reports

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their hopes for a berth in the Class 2A football playoffs come to an abrupt end last Thursday night when the Straughn Tigers jumped on top early and coasted in with a 40-14 win, in Straughn.

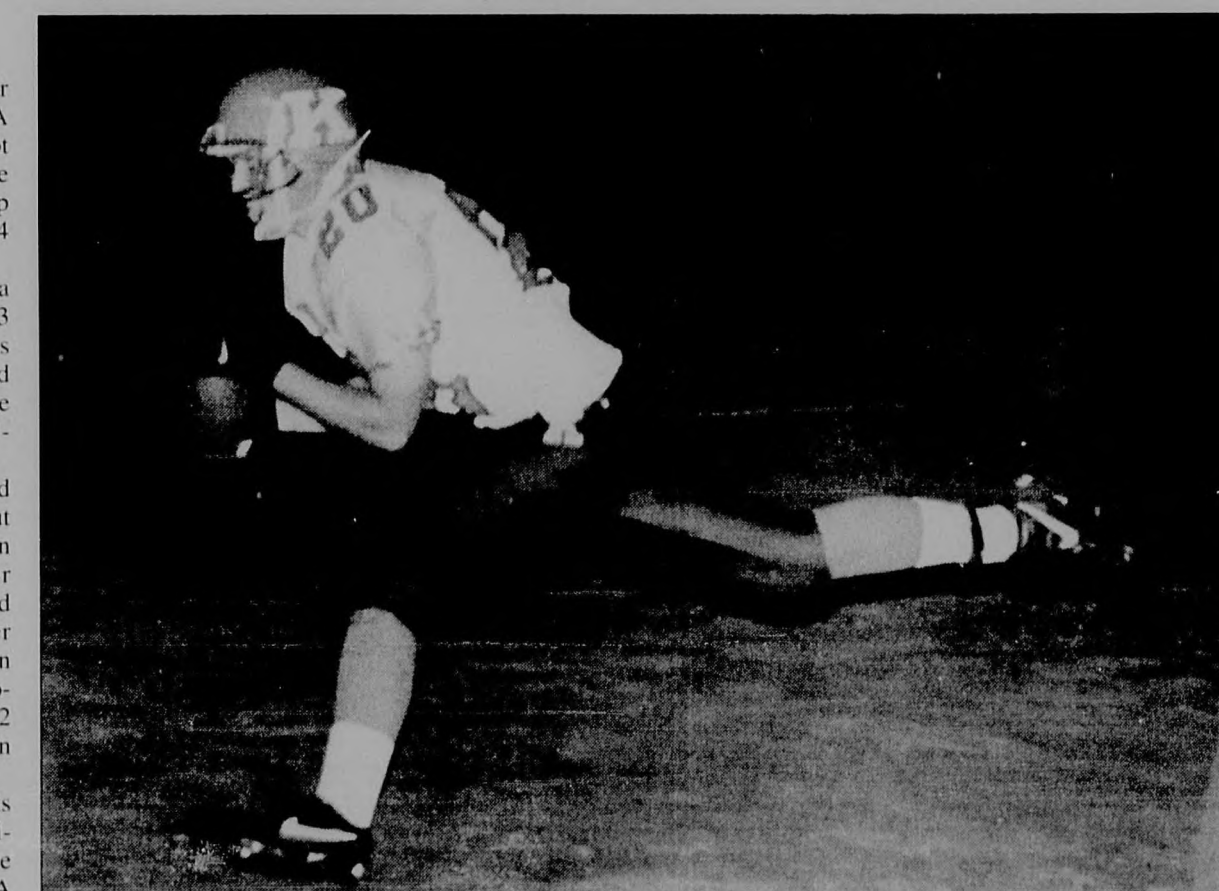
The loss left the Bulldogs with a final record of 1-9, 0-2 in Area 3 play, while Straughn evened its record at 5-5 with the win, and earned the runner-up spot in the area behind New Brockton with a 1-1 record.

Straughn's Titus Gandy returned the opening kickoff 58 yards to put the Tigers in business at the Kinston 12-yardline, and two plays later Straughn was on the scoreboard when Derrick Florence raced over from six yards out. Brian Goodson passed to Brandon Nall for the two-point conversion, and with 10:22 left in the opening stanza Straughn was already on top 8-0.

Straughn put the ball in play at its own 37-yardline following a Bulldog punt, and this time covered the 67 yards to paydirt in seven plays. A 33-yard scramble by Brian Goodson was a key play in the scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 7-yard pass from Goodson to Jordan Jones. Goodson passed to Mikey Vessey for the two-point conversion, and with 6:50 remaining in the first quarter Straughn was in command with a 16-0 advantage.

The Tigers got the ball right back on the Bulldogs' second punt of the stanza, and promptly marched 58 yards in six plays to get back into the endzone. A 25-yard scramble by Brian Goodson and a 15-yard pass completion from Goodson to Jordan Jones were key plays in the drive, while the touchdown came on a 4-yard blast by Jason Walden. The extra-point try failed, but with 1:13 still left in the opening quarter Straughn had already blown the game open by taking a 22-0 lead.

Straughn upped its lead midway through the second quarter as Brian Goodson led the Tigers on a 77-yard scoring march. Derrick Florence had a 33-yard scamper and Titus Gandy added a 29-yard dash



IT WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE NIGHTS...for the Kinston Bulldogs last Thursday night as this pass intended for Tim Whigham (20) and the Bulldogs' hopes for a berth in the 2A playoffs slipped just out of reach. The Bulldogs closed out the season with a 1-9 record.

to spark the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on fourth down when Florence scored from seven yards out. The extra-point try again failed, however, with 4:49 remaining in the half Straughn was ahead 28-0 and headed to the playoffs!

Kinston received the second half kick and marched to the Straughn 14-yardline, only to see the scoring threat go by the board when Brandon Nall intercepted a Ryan Anderson pass at the Tiger one-yardline.

The Bulldogs got the ball back on a Tiger punt and once again headed toward the Straughn endzone, only to be stopped this time on downs at the Straughn 12-yardline.

A short 18-yard punt put the Bulldogs right back in business, and this time the Bulldogs finally reached the endzone, with the touchdown coming on a 20-yard pass from Bishop Edwards to Tim Whigham. Brad Boykin added the

extra-point, and with 10:37 left in the game Kinston had pulled within 28-7.

Straughn's Brock Braacewell intercepted a Bulldog pass to set the Tigers up at the Kinston 30-yardline, and Straughn covered the distance to the endzone in seven plays to add to its lead. The touchdown came on a 19-yard pass from Braacewell to Stephen Martin, that tipped off the fingers of a Tiger teammate, and although the extra-point try was blocked, the Tigers were on top 34-7 with 4:06 remaining in the game.

Straughn's Justin Clark intercepted another Kinston pass late in the game, and the Tigers' Jared Griffin

scored on a one-yard blast with 1:38 left on the clock as Straughn moved on top 40-7.

Kinston scored with only :07 left on the clock on a 9-yard run by Kyle Waters, and Brad Boykin added the extra-point, as Kinston closed out the season with a 40-14 defeat to the Straughn Tigers.

Kyle Waters gained 98 yards rushing to lead the Kinston offense, while Bulldog quarterbacks Bishop Edwards and Ryan Anderson combined to hit on 8 of 19 passes, with 4 interceptions, for 72 yards.

Derrick Florence gained 53 yards on 8 carries to lead Straughn, while Brian Goodson hit on 3 of 6 passes for 31 yards.

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The 1999 Homecoming Queen and Court was crowned during a coronation ceremony held at Tiger Stadium in Elba on Friday, Oct. 29. Pictured is the 1999 EHS Homecoming Queen and Court with their escorts (L. to R.): Carey Lauren Holloway, Junior Class Attendant; Ben Purvis; Stephanie Niam Williams, Senior Class Attendant; Steve Williams; Samantha Christine Williams, Freshman Class Attendant; Katie York Vaughan, 1999 EHS Homecoming Queen; Mark Vaughan; Helen Kerri Lawford, Sophomore Class Attendant; and Dennis Lawford.

Camp Skyline rep will be in Enterprise on Sunday, Nov. 7

A representative of Camp Skyline Ranch, an all-girls summer camp in Mentone, Ala., will be in Enterprise on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 1-2 p.m. A slide show will be presented along with refreshments and door prizes. The Skyline party will be held in the home of Leigh Cassidy, 108 Farway Dr. The dress is casual and interested girls between the ages of 6-16 are invited. For more information, call 347-9724.

Johnson recently arrived for duty in South Korea

Army Staff Sgt. George B. Johnson has arrived for duty at Camp Eagle, Wonsu, South Korea. Johnson is a section leader/supervisor with the 52nd Aviation Regiment. He is the son of George B. and Alice M. Johnson of Onida, Tenn. His wife, Cynthia, is the daughter of Noah R. and Helen J. Hodge of Elba.

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Elba High School Seeking Pictures

We are seeking pictures of events that occurred at Elba High School from 1902 until 1996. If anyone has pictures that we can use, please call Julie Norris or Amy Kirkland at Elba High School at 897-2266.

All-Star Lighting Ceremony to conclude 12th Annual Christmas Festival in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will present the 12th Annual Christmas Festival and Parade on Saturday, Nov. 27, with a special first time event planned to close out the day.

As always, the Christmas Festival will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27 (Saturday after Thanksgiving), with lots of arts and crafts exhibits, food, entertainment, and fun for the whole family planned throughout the day until the beginning of the parade at 5 p.m. Then, at 5 p.m. the spectators will get to enjoy the Christmas parade as it makes its way through the streets of Elba, but this is where things change a bit.

Usually, the day's events would conclude with the parade, and everyone would pack up and go home. That's not the case this year!

At 6 p.m., everyone will be invited to come to the courthouse square to witness a live nativity scene, but also for a very special ceremony. This wonderful day of fun and joy for the holiday season will be capped off with the first ever "Elba All-Star Lighting Ceremony."

The atmosphere will be filled with the Christmas spirit as the courthouse square will be beautifully decorated with Christmas lights and wreaths, and this will highlight the all-star ceremony as we take time to renew and reflect on the memories of the city's past by honoring some of Elba's "biggest hearts."

Elba's residents are being asked to nominate an Elba person(s) with a "big heart" to participate in this All-Star celebration. Application will be reviewed and approximately

20 citizens will be asked to participate in this ceremony concluding the Christmas festival.

The All-Star Lighting Ceremony will begin with the "elves" who will be at the end of the parade carrying a sign simply saying, "Follow us to the all-star lighting ceremony." They will be pulling wagons loaded with small candles, and they will pass these candles out to the citizens as they approach the square. The ceremony will take place on the main stage for the festival, and the all-stars will gather inside the courthouse to be announced by the emcee one at a time. As the all-stars are announced, he/she will light a candle on stage and then the crowd to light other candles being held by all citizens.

When all of the all-stars have been introduced, area choirs will join in spontaneous carol singing. The candles that will be lit by the all-stars on the stage will form a huge heart to symbolize Elba's own slogan, "Elba, small town - big heart."

This first time event should be one to remember, but nominations for the all-stars are needed to make it a success. So, if you know anyone who fits the above description, pick up an application at an area business or use the one supplied below and let us know why you think your nominee is so special. Application should be mailed or delivered to the Elba Chamber of Commerce, 200 Buford Street • Elba, AL 36623, by 12 Noon on Friday, Nov. 19. For more information, contact Kaye Whitworth at 897-3125 or Lynn Baker at 897-3813.

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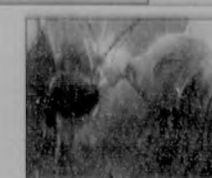
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COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TO ARRANGE MEETING

County lacks rescue squad service

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission, even with a rather lengthy recess thrown in, managed to get through with "business" Monday morning in less than an hour.

Charles Webb, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency and chairman of the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board, was called on by Commission Chairman Kaye Lewis to give some clarification to the problem with the lack of rescue squad service to a large portion of the county as it relates to Enhanced 911.

For the record, he stated that at the present time there are only two functioning rescue squads in the county - the Enterprise and Kinston rescue squads - leaving a large portion of the county including the towns of Elba and New Brockton without rescue squad coverage.

Both Elba's and New Brockton's rescue squads are inoperative. Webb said that some individuals have the misconception that the E-911 fee being collected on monthly phone bills could be used to "buy ambulances and pay salaries of EMTs and so forth."

"I would like to clarify that the Enhanced 911 system is a communications system and a system of expeditious dispatch of emergency responders," said Webb. "It provides for an addressing system (and re-addressing in some cases) in the county which allows immediate identification of the location of the caller."

The system allows a central dispatcher (two locations - Elba and

Enterprise) to notify the proper serving agency - fire, medical or law enforcement - of the emergency situation. Webb noted that the fact there is no serving agency such as a rescue squad, is nothing the E-911 system can do anything about.

Webb did comment that the Enterprise Rescue Squad has agreed to answer 911 calls in the area formerly covered by New Brockton; however, this will be done only if they have sufficient resources to do so at the time of the call.

The director also told commissioners that the City of Elba was working very hard to resolve their lack of rescue squad coverage at the present time. In the meantime, a commercial ambulance service firm is answering 911 calls when possible. They are under contract with the local hospital to provide inter-hospital transfers, and that is their first obligation.

Webb told commissioners that state law prohibits the spending of fees collected for E-911 on anything other than communications systems and related items.

He concluded, "We have a major problem which I think the government entities need to address, and that's providing emergency medical services to the citizens of our county."

During the general business session, Commissioner Robert Stephens further addressed the problem by proposing that the chairman arrange a meeting of all county officials to include the state representative and senator for the purpose of solving this problem.

"In our book that tells commis-

sioners what they should do, I find among the things discussed is the health, welfare and well-being of our citizens," said Stephens. "I think the rescue squad thing is something we've got to address."

The project to supply water to the Coffee Baking Company located in the Hovley's Store Community came a little closer to realization with the opening of bids during Monday's meeting.

Low bidder on the project, Steen Construction of Rodgerville, AL, was awarded the bid at \$32,077.57. David Hicks, engineer for the project, said their bid for the laying of the approximately 2,500 feet of water line was well within the funding limits of the project. In fact, he said the low bid was within \$500 (lower) of his projected cost. No date for the start of construction was discussed.

Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:

• Placed a temporary 15-Ton weight limit on Co. Rd. 223 at the request of the county engineer.

• Voted to purchase off the state bid two vehicles for the county highway department. These funds are already budgeted.

• Appointed Commissioner Linda Westbrook to serve as the county commission's representative on the Enterprise-Coffee-Geneva Economic Development Corporation board.

• Appointed L. P. Hussey to serve on the D.H.R. Board of Directors. He will represent District Two.

• Voted to raise the county's mileage rate from 25¢ to 31¢ per mile.

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"I'm pleased with how it's going. I have no complaints up to this point," said Bowden.

Board members were told that work is expected to begin at the Zion Chapel site in two to three weeks. The contractor [Faulkner] has both contracts and they wanted to get the "job" started in New Brockton before beginning work at Zion Chapel.

Turning to other matters, representatives from the Zion Chapel Rebel Band were in attendance to request financial assistance from the board in purchasing new uniforms. The present uniforms being worn by band members were purchased in 1985.

Michael Bird, Zion Chapel's band director, told the board that plans were to purchase 70 new uniforms at a cost of \$18,000. He noted that the band, at the present time, has only 35 members, but band programs now in place indicate an increase in that number in the near future.

"The band parents have been

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Elba Judicial Division grand jury hands down over 100 indictments

It was a very productive session for the Elba division of the grand jury in Coffee County last week as more than 100 indictments were handed down.

Of the 162 total cases presented to the grand jury when court convened on Nov. 1 and 2, 135 indictments were handed down with 53 of those being for the sale of narcotics, according to Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth.

Whitworth said the 53 drug indictments for Elba were all for the sale of narcotics which includes the sale of drugs such as cocaine, crack cocaine, marijuana, etc. He said as of Tuesday, Nov. 9, 25 arrests had been made from the indictments with more arrests expected in this continuing effort.

"This is the result of ongoing investigations for the past year to year and a half," Whitworth said. "These indictments have brought our drug arrests for the year to around 100."

Whitworth said last week's indictments and the ongoing arrests are a joint effort between the Elba Police Department, the 12th Judicial Drug Task Force, ARI and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

Also, he said the ABC board has been assisting in the investigation of illegal whiskey sale in the area, and eight arrests were made on Tuesday, Nov. 9, in this matter.

CORRECTION

In the front-page story (last week) concerning 17-year-old Tim Holloman, the two charges, rendering a false alarm, of which he was convicted are class A misdemeanors instead of class A felonies. The class was incorrectly recorded on court records as being a felony but has been corrected since the Nov. 4th edition of *The Elba Clipper*. We are glad to make this correction. The sentence remains the same as reported.



INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR Dorsey Trailers, Inc. has been named recipient of 1999 Coffee County Farm/City Week Committee's Industry of the Year award. The announcement was made during a press conference held last Thursday morning. Dorsey Trailers' dates back to 1911 when two brothers, Pete and Henry Dorsey established a small auto and machinery repair shop in Elba, AL. It has since grown to be one of the nation's leading transportation equipment manufacturers. In 1994, Dorsey Trailers became a publicly held company with corporate office located in Atlanta, GA. The company, in addition to the plant in Elba, currently has manufacturing facilities in Cartersville, GA and Dillon, SC. The Elba plant employs 800 workers with an annual payroll of between 22 and 25 million dollars. The daily production is 34 vans at the Elba facility with annual sales equal to 170 to 180 million dollars, which accounts for 75 percent of the company's sales. Pictured accepting the award on behalf of the company are Paul Morrow, Vice-President of Administration (second from left) and Keith Loneragan, Elba Plant Manager (second from left). Making the presentation were: Gary Allen, President of the Elba Chamber of Commerce (extreme left); and Kaye Whitworth, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. The formal presentation of the award will take place at the Farm/City Banquet on Thursday, November 18, 1999, at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The event begins at 6:00 p.m.

Elba Council continues forward progress with contract for sewer construction and emergency medical services for E911 response

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening to accept the construction bids to move forward with the sewer expansion on Highway 84 to the city limits. The \$257,390 project will be installed by Russell Construction Co. of Elba. The price includes \$13,720 for some paving work associated with the sewer lines. The local company was the low bidder of five construction firms vying for the project. The highest bid was \$349,258.75 without the paving alternate.

Funding for this work is being done with the help of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant from the State of Alabama.

The council also took action to insure emergency medical services for citizens of West Coffee County when they approved an eleven month contract with Coffee County Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

At the last meeting of the council, Mayor James Grimes had recommended the city reestablish a rescue service under the leadership of the Chief of Police. He explained this week that problems had occurred and this was the fastest way to assure the services are available when needed. The City of Elba will pay \$1,000 a month for the service. The mayor indicated that the

county commission has informally agreed to also furnish \$1,000 a month for the service to county residents.

The city will also enter into a lease agreement with EMS for the use of one ambulance still licensed to the city.

The council was unanimous in approving this action.

Following this vote, Grimes asked for and was given permission to instruct the city attorney to take whatever means is necessary to clear up the problem with remaining equipment and the city owned building of the now defunct Elba Rescue Squad. The council also approved the immediate changing of the locks on the rescue squad building and keeping the key at city hall.

Gerald Tucker was reappointed to another term on the Elba Housing Authority Board. He has served this board for a number of years and Grimes told council members Mr. Tucker was an asset to the Housing Authority.

The council appointed Mickey Murdock to replace Ellen Lowery on the Water and Electric Board. Mrs. Lowery has moved out of the city limits and is no longer eligible to serve.

Albert Reeves Jr. addressed the council with a request that the Elba Recreation Center on Clayton Avenue/old National Guard build-

ing) be renamed the Albert Reeves Recreation Center in honor of his late father. Mr. Reeves worked full time at the armory from 1947 until his retirement in 1976, with the exception of the time the guard unit was on active military duty.

Mayor Grimes thanked Reeves and said the council would take the matter under advisement, get input from other citizens and then make a decision.

Monthly bills totaling \$23,584.56 were approved for payment. This included \$4,502.24 for vehicle and equipment repair; \$2,346.65 for various kinds of pipe; \$1,680.91 for police firearm supplies; \$1,075 for chemicals; \$845.70 for recreation equipment; \$580.00 for gas well monitor at closed dump and \$505.68 for asphalt mix.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported that the major sewer upgrade project was almost back on schedule after the major problems in Brookdale. He said they expect street repaving to get underway before Christmas.

The city council also approved a recommendation of Mayor Grimes that the city pay half of a much needed computer upgrade, with the Water and Electric paying the other half. The total cost of the upgrade is \$14,140 and allow additional city accounting to be computerized. It will also allow additional electric department reports to be computerized.

Grimes also told council members that work is progressing at the airport. Trees along the North end of the runway have been cut and those on the South end should be cut within the next week. A recent

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Factory Connection announces opening date for Elba store

The Factory Connection, an apparel retail store, will have a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting on Friday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. Brandy Bozeman, the store manager, and Ann Moore, assistant manager, invite everyone to come by the new Elba store.

The Factory Connection first opened its doors in 1976 in Cartersville, Ala., and is currently operating 124 stores in 10 states throughout the south. Committed to providing its customers with an affordable wardrobe, offering both quality and value, Factory Connection specializes in sportswear for juniors', misses', plus sizes and even men's at discount prices.

NOTICE

The City of Elba offices will be closed on Thursday (TODAY), November 11, 1999, in observance of Veterans Day. There will be standby crews for emergencies with water, street, sewer, or electrical. Call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 to report these emergencies. The garbage collection schedule will not change.

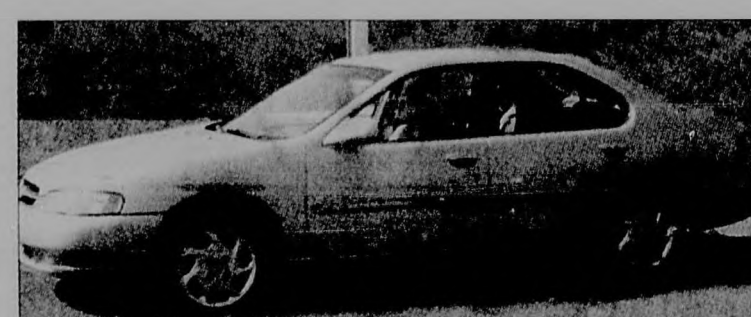
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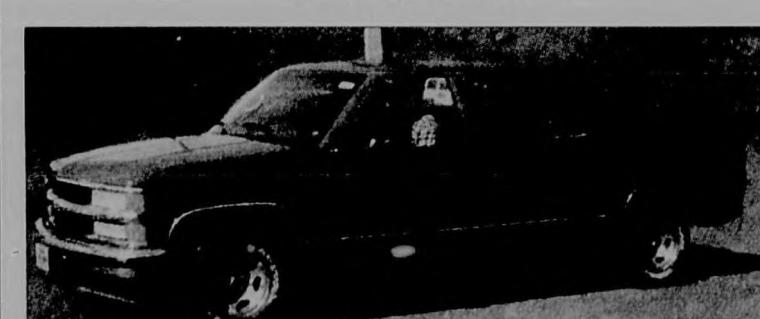
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